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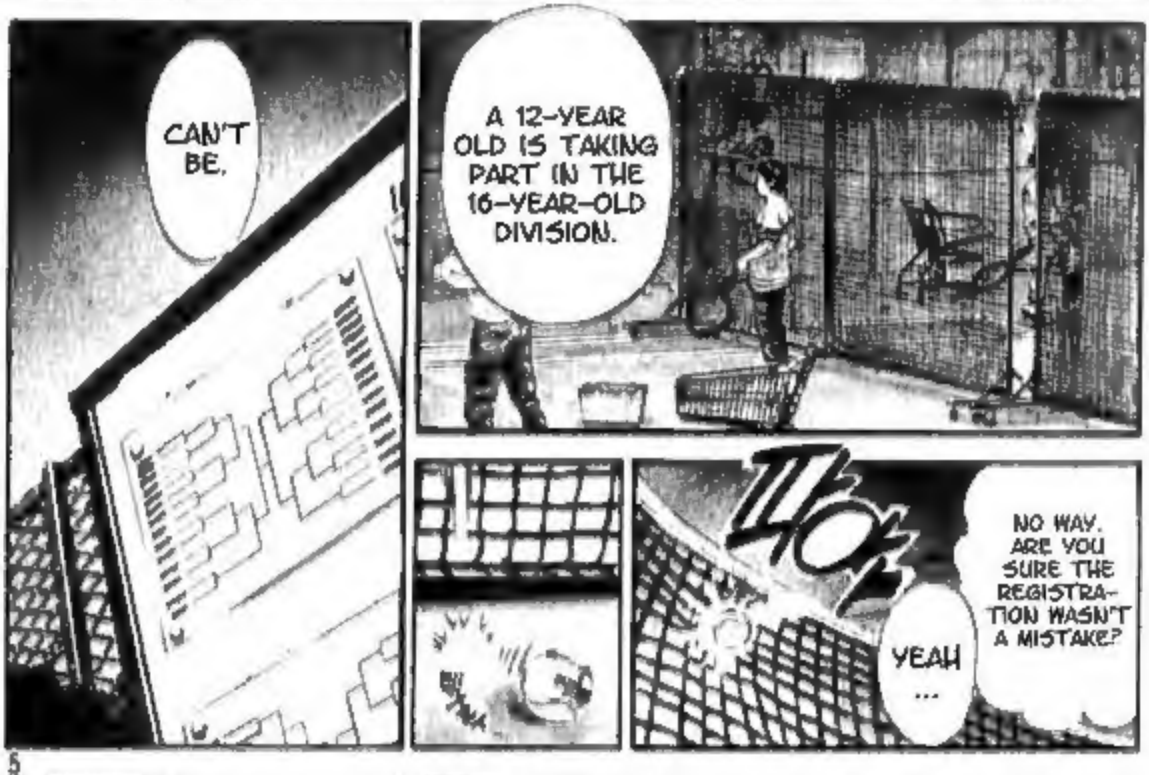

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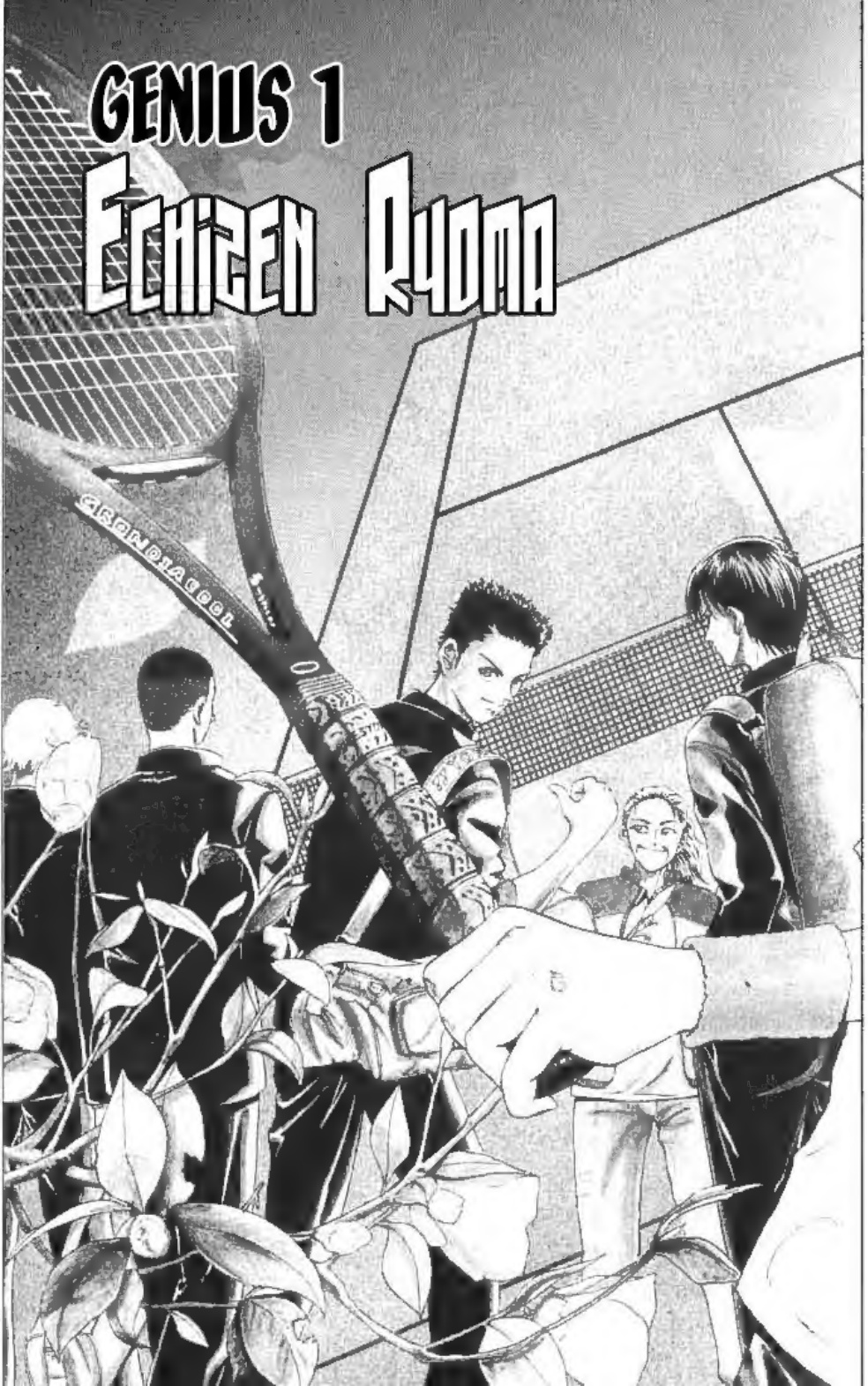

HHOHOHO
RYUZAKI SAKUNO (12 YR) HAS FALLEN INTO A VERY AWKWARD POSITION.
IS IT POSSIBLE TO SAFELY GET OFF AT THE NEXT STATIION.
UH N
UH N
WHAT DO I DO ...?
HAHAHAHA!! YOU IDIOTS STILL DON'T KNOW THE RULES FOR GRIPPING!!
TO HIT THE TOP SPIN, IT'S THE WESTERN GRIP, YA KNOW?!!

I'M TELLING YOU, KEEP THE RACKET LIKE THIS AND HOLD IT LIKE YOU'RE SHAKING HANDS.
STUPID! THIS IS COMMON SENSE!!
OH!! OF COURSE! SASABE IS DIFFERENT!
.....
YO, CAN'T YOU KEEP IT DOWN?

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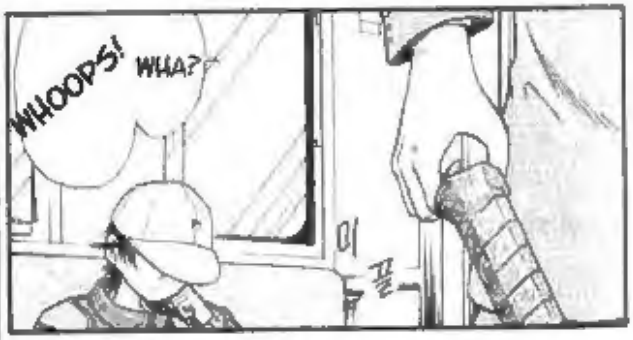
THIS IS EMBAR-RASSING! GETTING TOLD OFF BY A LITTLE KID AND ALL!
TA HA HA HA!!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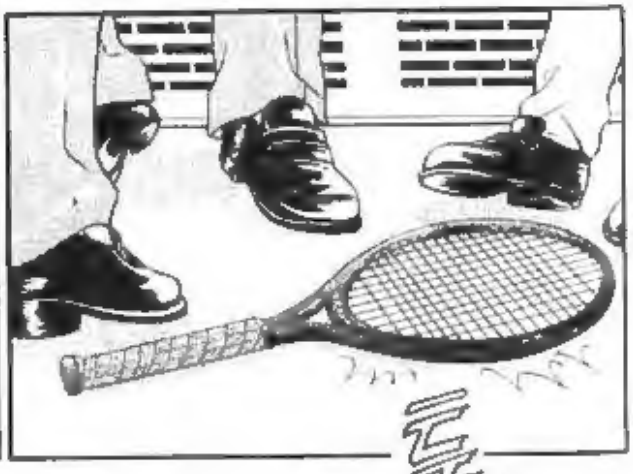
WHA?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BINGO!
HOLDING THE UPPER PART OF THE RACKET AND CLAMPING IT, THAT'S THE CORRECT WESTERN GRIP.
HAHA! SASABE, YOU MUST BE EMBAR-RASSED!
SEI HARUDAI! SEI HARUDAI!
SH.. SHUT UP! JUST GET OFF!
ANOTHER THING. THE THING YOU SAID ABOUT "SHAKING HANDS"? THAT'S THE EASTERN GRIP.
IT'S COMMON FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN IT THE OPPOSITE WAY.

AHH!! I HAVE TO GET OFF TOO!!
LOOKS LIKE GRANDMA HASN'T ARRIVED YET ...
SHE'S THE ONE THAT INVITED ME AND SHE'S LATE?!
HE-HE LOOKED THIS WAY!
AH! IT'S THE BOY I SAW A MOMENT AGO!
UM... WHICH WAY IS THE GAKINO GIJAKA GARDEN?

SO WHICH WAY IS IT?
ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN THE MATCH? TENNIS IS NEW TO ME!
OH! I'M HEADING THERE TO WATCH TOO!
AH, SORRY! I JUST
EXIT FROM THE SOUTH GATE WAY AND YOU'LL SOON NOTICE IT

14

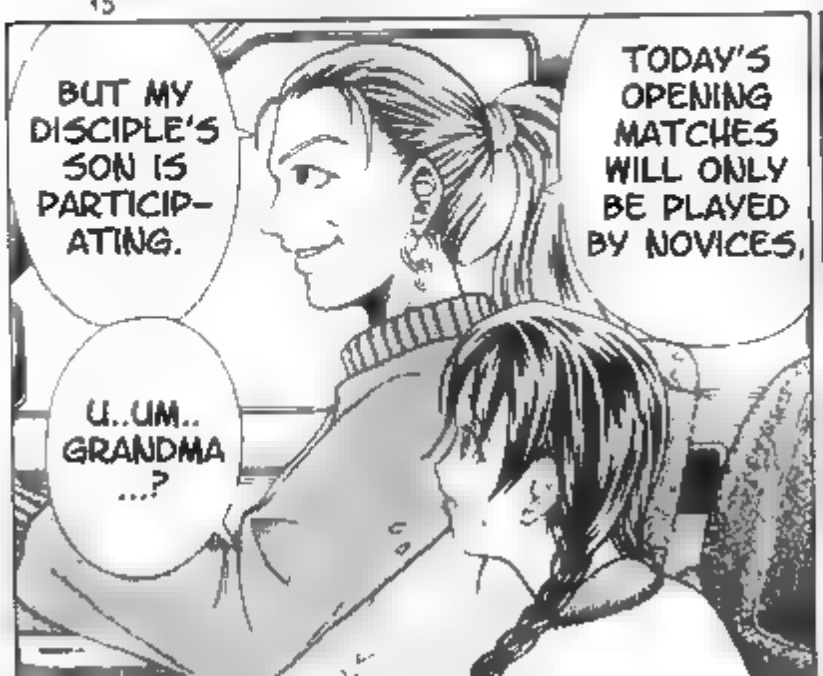
30 MIN LATER
SOUTH GATEWAY. RIGHT, THANKS.
RYOMA
...
RYOMA E.
HEY! SAKUNO! SORRY SORRY.
GRAND-MA! YOU CAN'T BE THIS LATE!

JUST HURRY AND GET IN THE CAR!!
RYOZAKI SUMIRE (58)
(SEIGAKU MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS COUNSELOR)

WHAT?!!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? SAKUNO. CAN'T YOU FIGURE OUT DIRECTIONS?
HUH..? THE SOUTH GATEWAY..

REMEMBER?
SAKINO GIZAKA TENNIS GARDEN IS IN THE NORTH GATEWAY

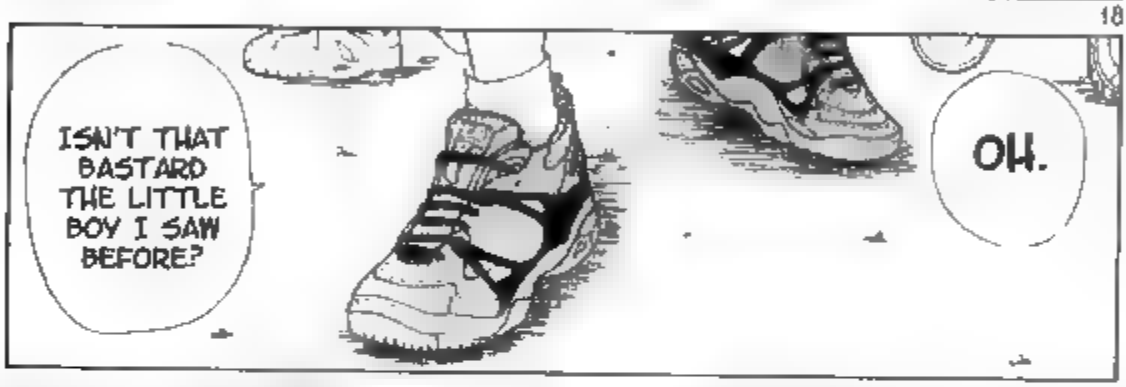

BUT MY DISCIPLE'S SON IS PARTICIP-ATING.
TODAY'S OPENING MATCHES WILL ONLY BE PLAYED BY NOVICES.
U..UM.. GRANDMA ...?

HMM...

TIICK
IF YOU'RE LATE TO THE MATCH
WHAT HAPPENS?
UH GRANDMA? I'M GOING TO WANDER FOR A BIT.
STRANGE KID
WELL BE CAREFUL
EH?!
WELL, THEN IT BECOMES A DEFAULT 'LOSS'.
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PRINCE...
HMMM..
AH!!

UM... THE MATCH..
WERE YOU LATE ..?
5 MINUTES LATE, DIS-QUALIFIED
S.. SORRY.. WAS IT BECAUSE OF ME ..?
BINGO DID YOU COME HERE TO CAUSE MORE TROUBLE?
I'M THIRSTY
I-I'LL BUY SOME!!

S..SORRY SEEMS I HAVE NO COINS. THANKS FOR THE DRINKS..
PLUP
TEL


ISN'T THAT BASTARD THE LITTLE BOY I SAW BEFORE?
OH.

WHAT DO I DO ? IT'S THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM BEFORE

HEH, LOOKS LIKE HE LOST SO HE'S LEAVING.

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THAT'S DANG- EROUS!
AH!!
CAN'T EVEN DEFEND YOURSELF. HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT TENNIS.
FILA
어 뜻

HAHAHA! WELL, GOTTA GO! HAHAHA!
KEEP THAT WELL IN YOUR MIND!

THINKING YOU CAN BEAT ME WITH JUST THEORIES IS A BIG MISTAKE!

AHH?!! SHIT! YOU GOT JUICE ON ME!!

KIYA!

UNLIKE THAT LITTLE BOY I HAVE MATCHES!!
IT'S STICKY! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW YOU IDIOT?!

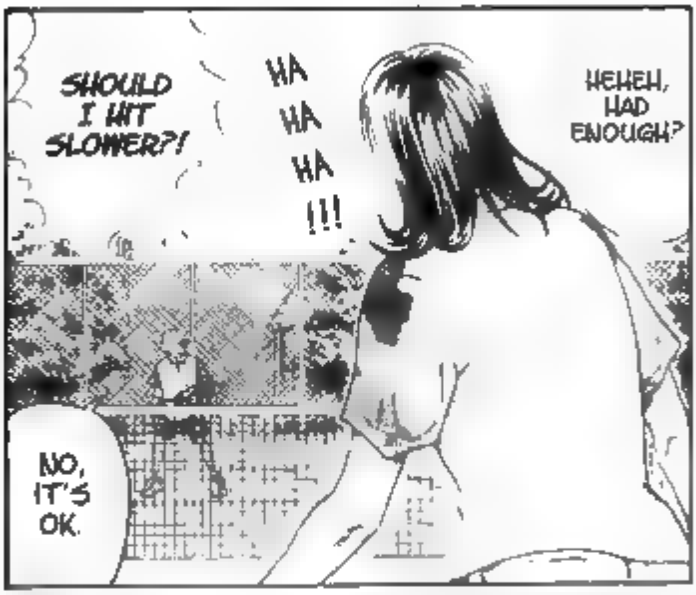
S... SORRY

DID YOU LEARN HOW TO GRIP YET?
YO ...

I MIGHT EVEN TEACH YOU A MOVE!
WELL, IF YOU DIDN'T...

TENNIS GROUNDS
PRACTICE COURT
WHAT IS THIS UN-PLANNED EVENT?
YO GUYS, SASABE IS REALLY BEING PUBLIC ABOUT THIS!!
YO LITTLE BOY!! SEEMS LIKE YOU NEED A BEATING TO GET YOUR MIND STRAIGHT!
DON'T REGRET IT!
IS THAT SO?
GO GO GO !!!
BEAT HIM DOWN!

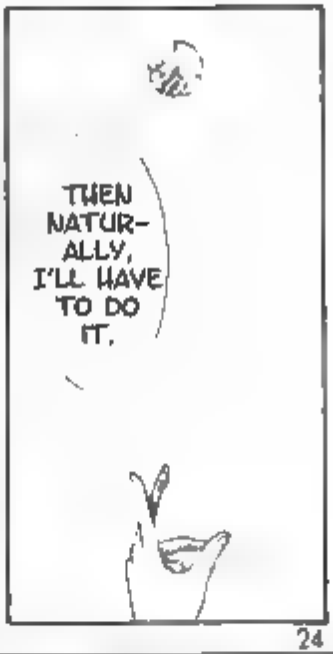
THE BEST OF ONE SET MATCH!
SASABE SERVICE PLAY!
YOU THINK YOU CAN RETURN MY SERVE?!
HAHAHA, LITTLE BOY, MY SERVE WILL.
TOO
OFF


SHOULD I HIT SLOWER?!
HA HA HA !!!
HEHEH, HAD ENOUGH?
NO, IT'S OK.

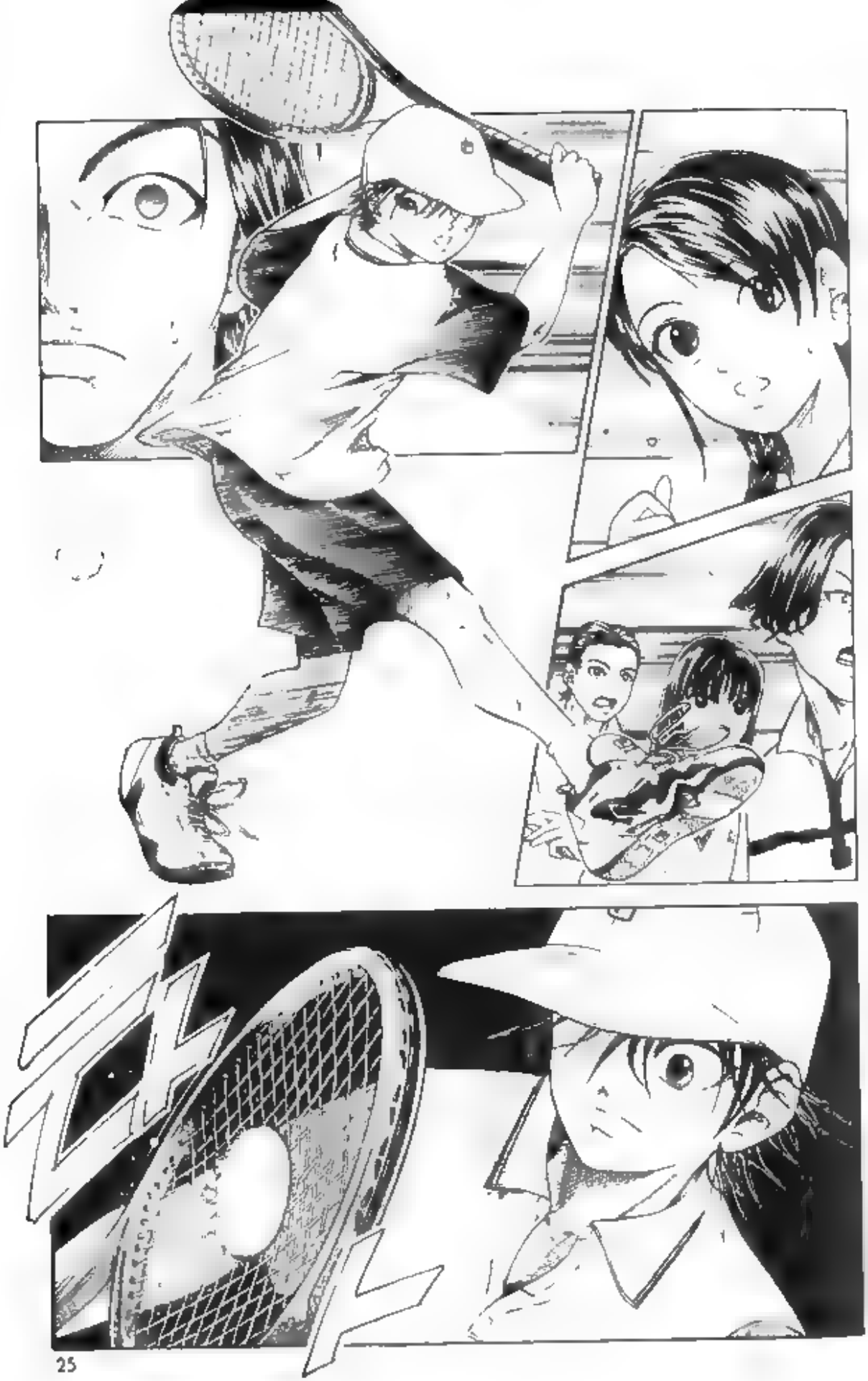
THAT HIT HE JUST SERVED CAME TO ABOUT 180 KILO.
I KINDA FEEL SORRY FOR THAT KID, HA HAHA!

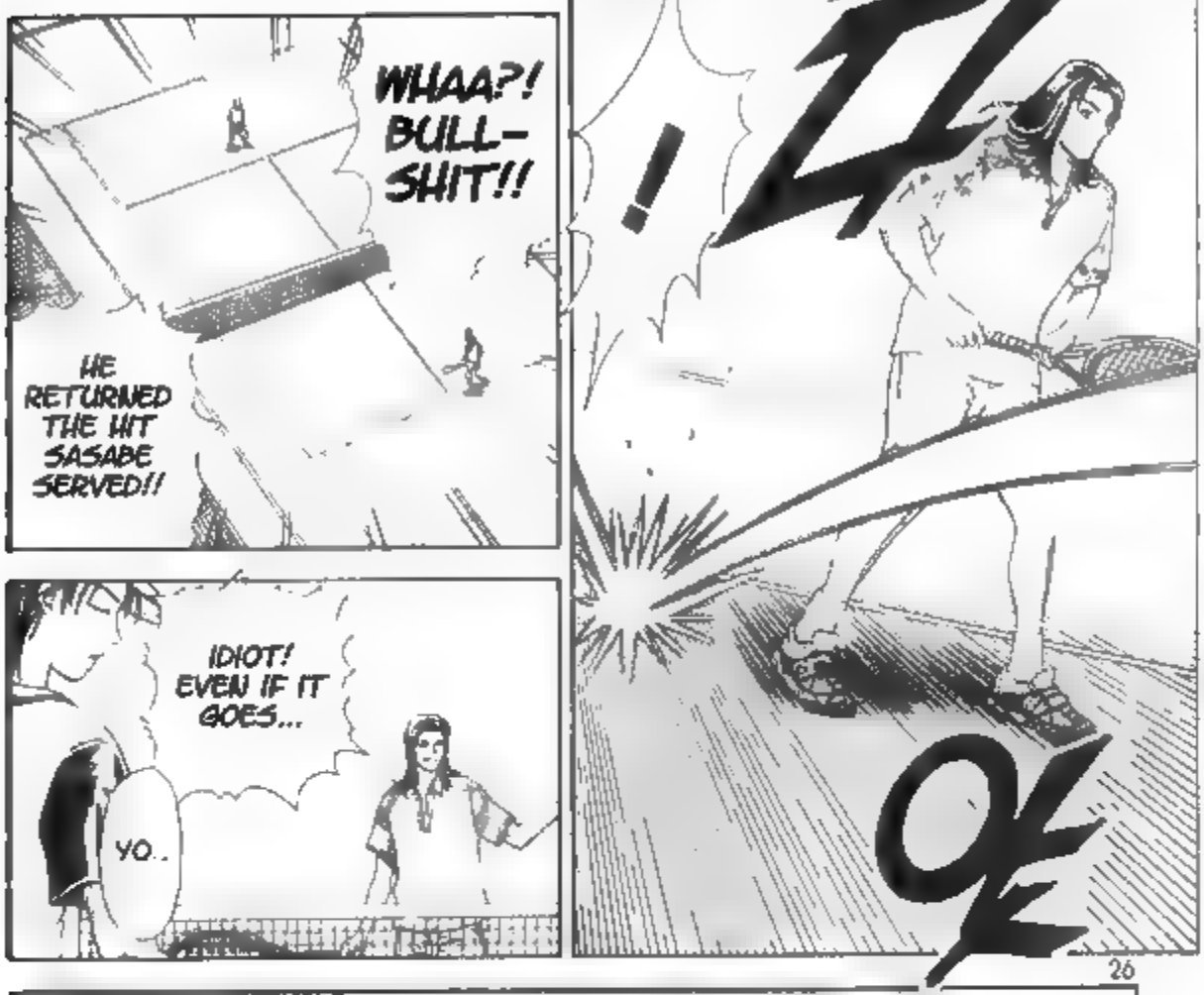
AH DANGER-OUS.

GOING EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A KID IS A BIG MISTAKE!!


THEN NATUR-ALLY, I'LL HAVE TO DO IT.

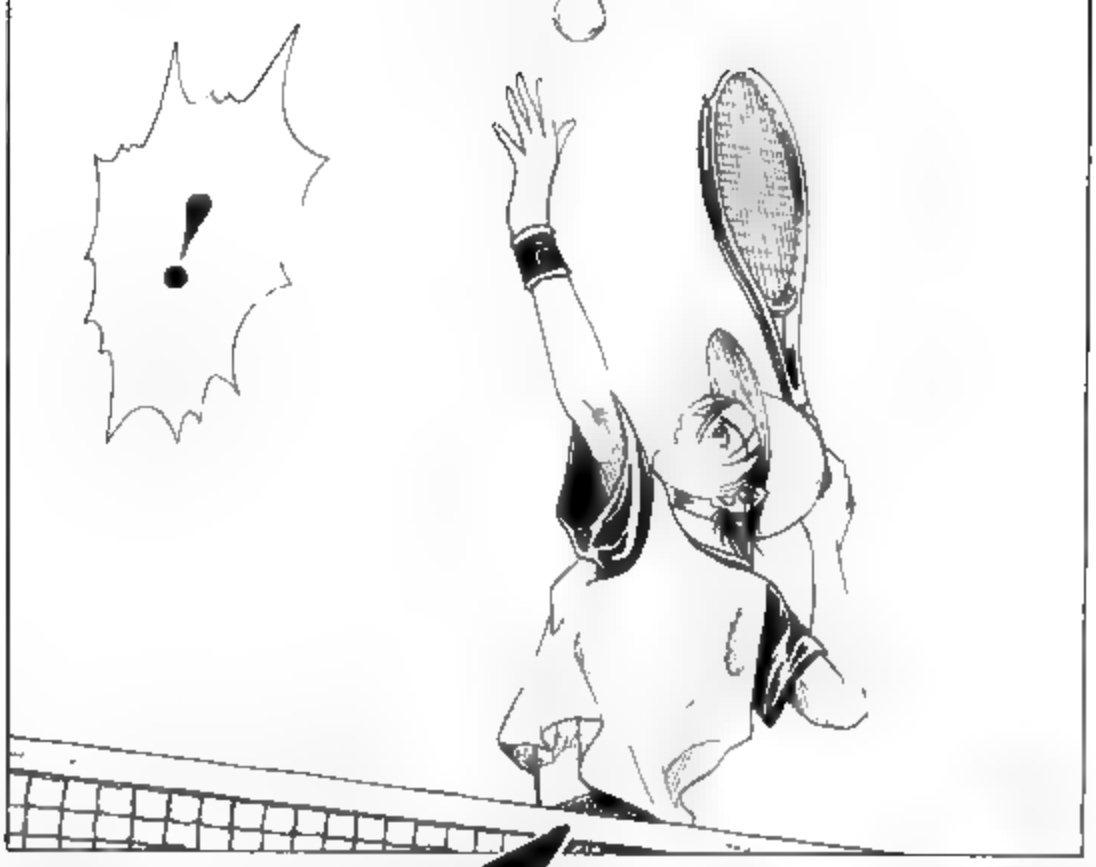
TOO SLOW!!




WHAA?! BULL-SHIT!!
HE RETURNED THE HIT SASABE SERVED!!
IDIOT! EVEN IF IT GOES...
YO..
!
OF

JUST NOW ... THAT WASN'T YOUR PROPER HIT, WAS IT?

HMMPH! YOU'RE A FUNNY BOY!
BUT THERE WON'T BE A SECOND TIME!!
WHAT THE ...?!!
THAT ONE WOULD'VE BEEN DANGER-OUS.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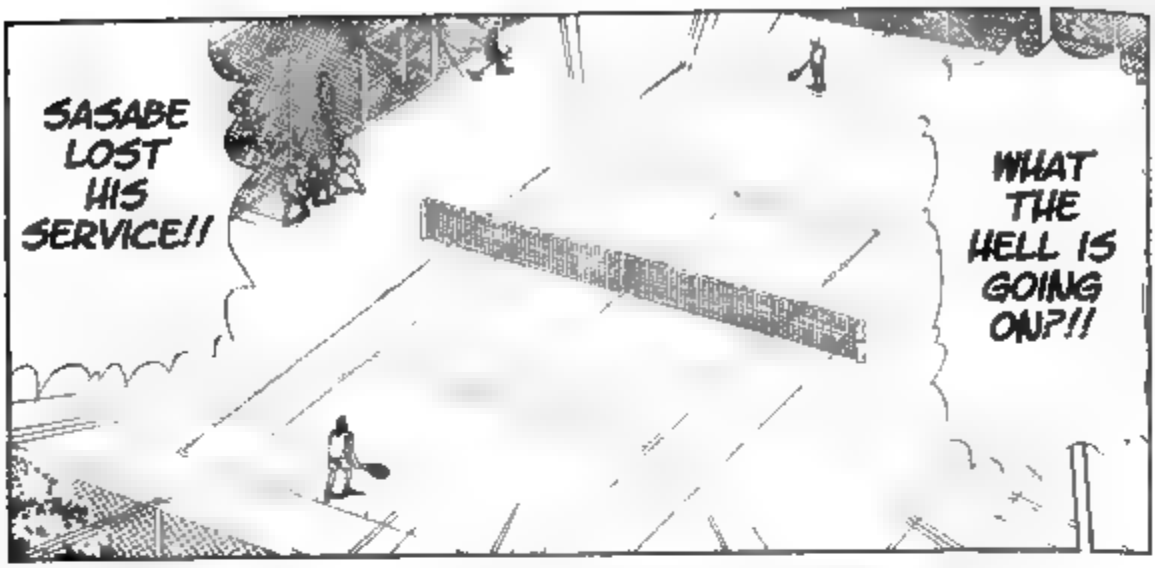
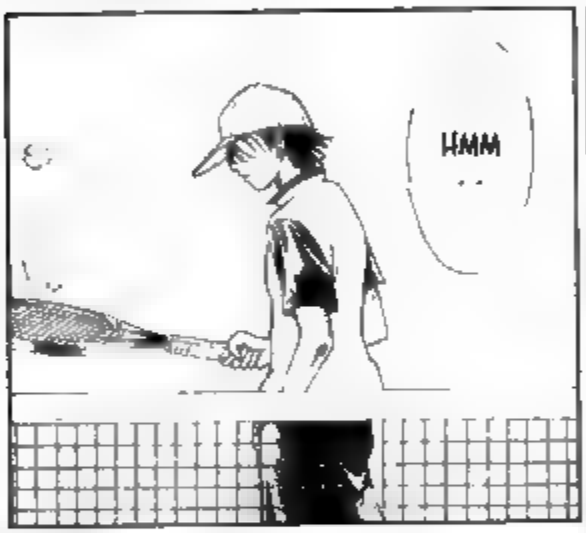
ZAOF

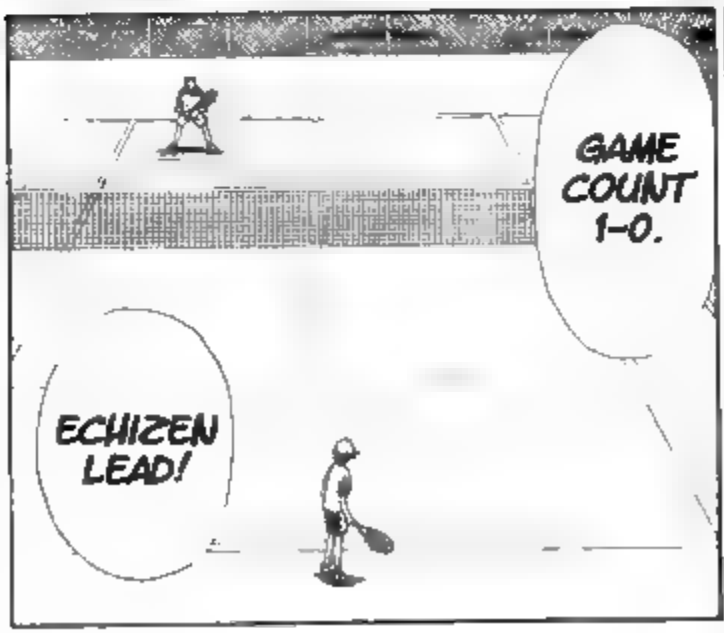
HE'S FAST!! HE'S ALREADY AT THE NET!!

AMAZING


SASABE LOST HIS SERVICE!!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!!


HMM..

YOU IDIOT! HE'S A KID! I'M SHOWING HIM A LITTLE MERCY!
THE KID'S SERVES WON'T GET IN.


GAME COUNT 1-0.
ECHIZEN LEAD!

THAT KID.. I DON'T LIKE HIM.

WHAT?!!
SINCE YOU'RE PLAYING IN THE FINALS
.....
TH-THAT KID ISN'T A NORMAL PLAYER!
I BETTER MAKE THIS QUICK.

HE WASN'T AT THE TENNIS GROUNDS SO HE WAS AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?
YA SURE CAN'T REASON WITH THAT PRINCE.
33
HIS FORM IS A KILLER, EH?
HE'S SO MUCH LIKE HIS FATHER!
YOUR DISCIPLE'S SON... IS HIM?!
THAT'S RIGHT.
GRANDMA!!
C... CAN'T BE..!!

THE WHOLE FAMILY COMES BACK TO THIS COUNTRY EVERY FEW YEARS SO THEIR NAMES ARE UNKNOWN
BEFORE THE TOURN-AMENT.
WHA?!! FOUR TIME AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPION ?!!!
THEY TOLD HIM, "SINCE YOU'RE VERY SKILLED, INSTEAD OF THE 12 YEAR DIVISION, JOIN THE 14 YEAR DIVISION."
BAH! THAT KID WENT AND JOINED THE 16 YEAR DIVISION.
HE'S GOOD, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAYS.
SO THIS KID IS THE RUMORED ..

ECHIZEN RYOMA?!
IF SASABE GOES UP TO THE NET, THERE IS NO WAY THAT BOY CAN HIT THE BALL IN THAT AREA.
SASABE! GO UP TO THE FRONT!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR MERCY! SHOW HIM YOUR SPECIAL NET PLAY!

SHUT UP! WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT?!
EH
DAMN, HE'S HITTING THE BALL FAR BACK! IT'S IRRITATING!
HE'S KEEPING ME AT THE SIDELINES!!

I CAN'T EVEN GO UP TO THE NET!!
EVEN IF THIS IS A GAME OF FUN. HOW CAN A MIDDLE SCHOOL TO A HIGH SCHOOL.
HEY . .
ISN'T THIS REALLY DANGER-OUS. ?

YO ...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO USE THAT SPECIAL NET PLAY?
UGH!!
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AMAZING! IT WENT IN AGAIN!
HOLD UP!! WASN'T THAT BALL JUST OUT RIGHT NOW?!

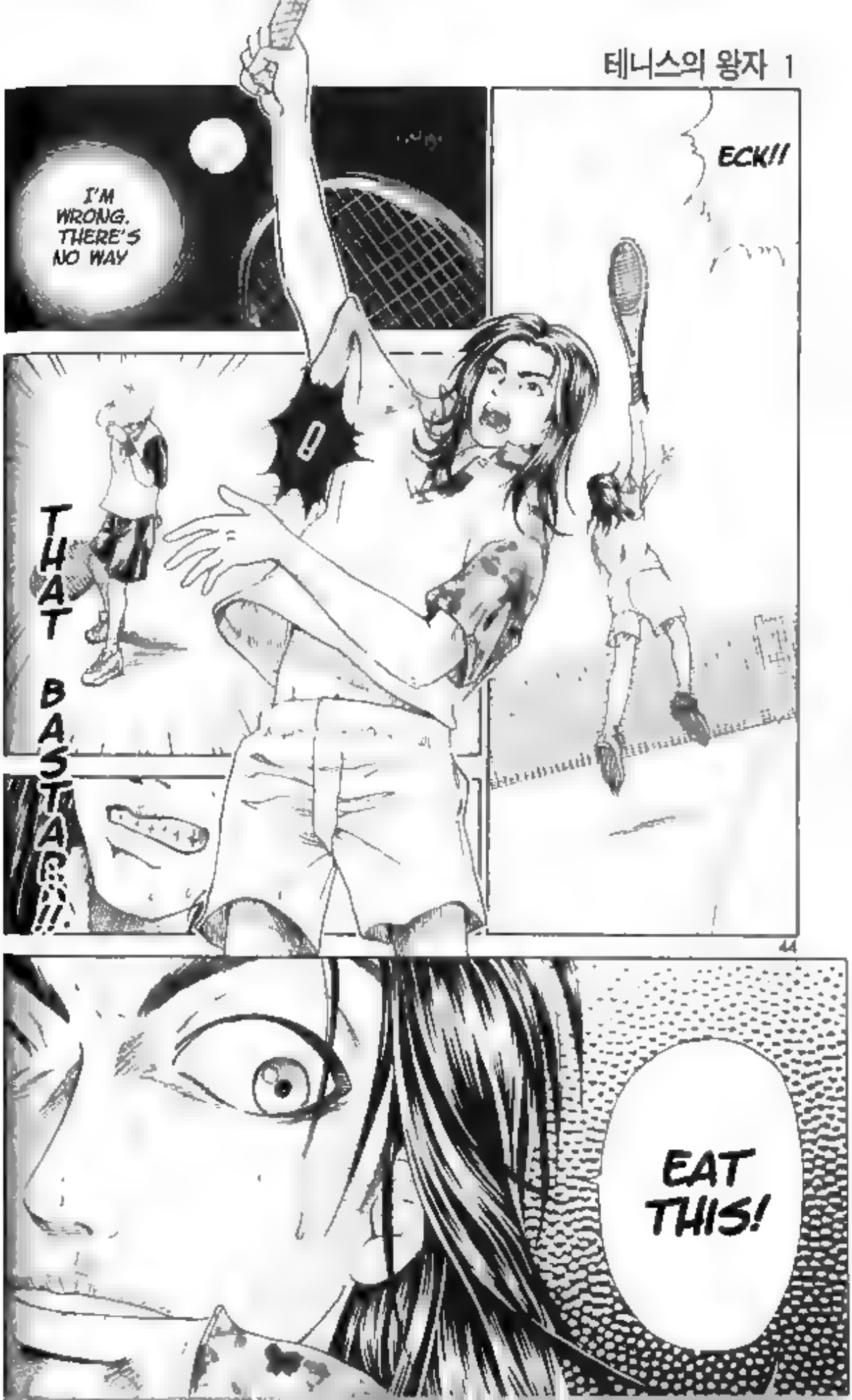
HEH ...
IDIOT! WHO SAID IT WAS IN?
WHAT?! CAN'T BE!!
.....
OF COURSE IT WAS OUT!!
HEHEH

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THAT WAS DEFINITELY IN!!
THIS ONE'S OUT TOO!!
HMM.. THIS IS A SELF JUDGED GAME...
THOSE PUNKS WILL JUDGE THE WAY THEY WANT TO
HOWEVER ...

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO HIT IT INTO THE DEEP END!!
HE IS PLAYING THE WAY I PRE-DICTED.
AND ...!!
41
NOW IT'S THE END FOR YOU, YOU LITTLE PUNK!!
WAY TO GO!!
LOOK!! SASABE CAME UP TO THE NET!!

WHA?!!
AHH-!
YO, THE BALL I JUST HIT, IS IT IN?
OH OH

WHAT?!! THE LOB HIT TURNED THE BALL TO A STOP BEFORE THE LINE?!!
IT'S TOO SLOW! THIS WILL STOP IT NOW!!
TH O
KUKU.. THAT LITTLE BOY.
HE'S PUR-POSELY DOING IT!!
DON'T GO UP, SASABE!
TH O


I'M WRONG. THERE'S NO WAY
ECK!!
THAT BASTARD!!
EAT THIS!

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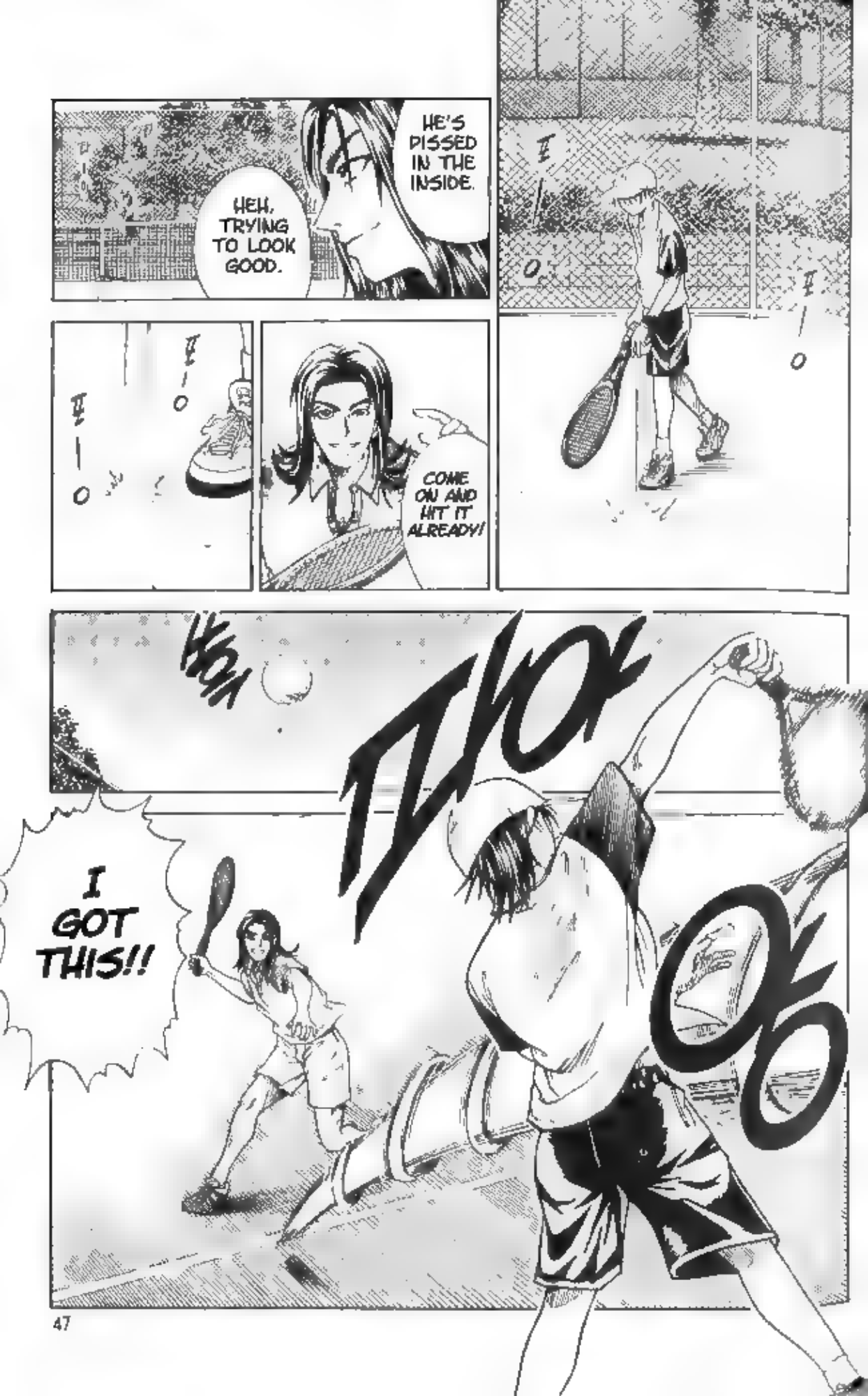
HMM
SORRY THIS HAPPENED, MY HAND SLIPPED. WHY DON'T WE JUST STOP?
THAT'S TOO MUCH!! HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?!

HAHA! LET'S SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN USE SUCH BIG WORDS!
GAME COUNT 5-2.
ECHIZEN LEAD.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T SHOWN ME A PROPER GRIP...
IT'S JUST BEGIN-NING!!


HE'S PISSED IN THE INSIDE.
HEH. TRYING TO LOOK GOOD.
COME ON AND HIT IT ALREADY!
I GOT THIS!!

UGH!

HEY DID THAT SERVE JUST TURN THE OTHER WAY ?
YOU DON'T THINK
.....
WHAT WAS THAT I JUST SAW?

15-0
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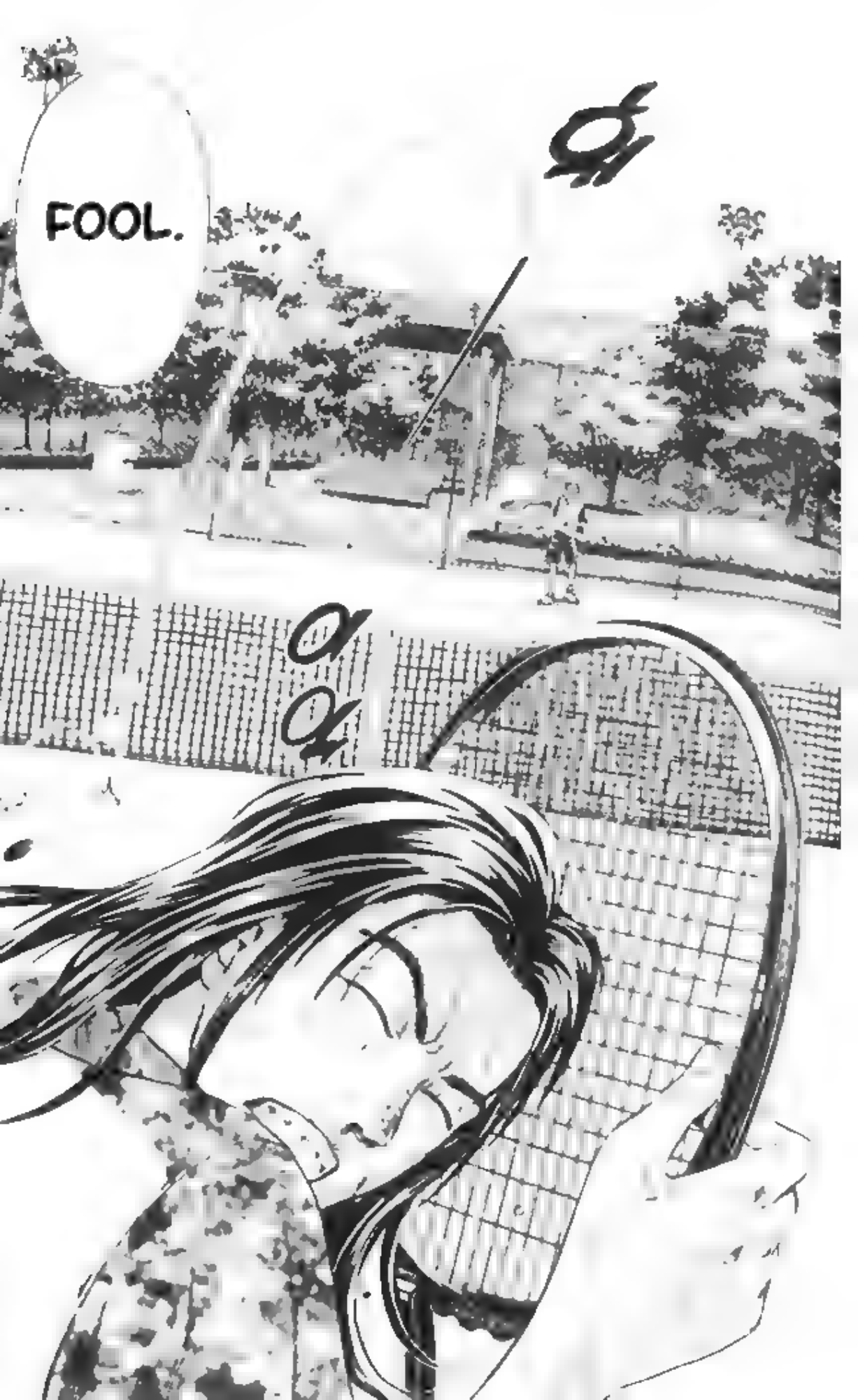
ISN'T THAT...
49
THE TWIST SERVE?!

30 - 0.
HITTING IT THAT SHARPLY... EVEN THE ADULTS HAVE A HARD TIME!
AMAZING! IT'S THE FIRST TIME I SEE IT LIVE!!
BULLSHIT ... THE TWIST SERVE...
ST.. STINGY BASTARD!
ZI—O ZI—O ZI—O
EH

ZIO
ZIO
51
KUHK!

40—0.
THAT BASTARD. HE'S AIMING AT ME!
EAT THIS.
NO.. NOO!!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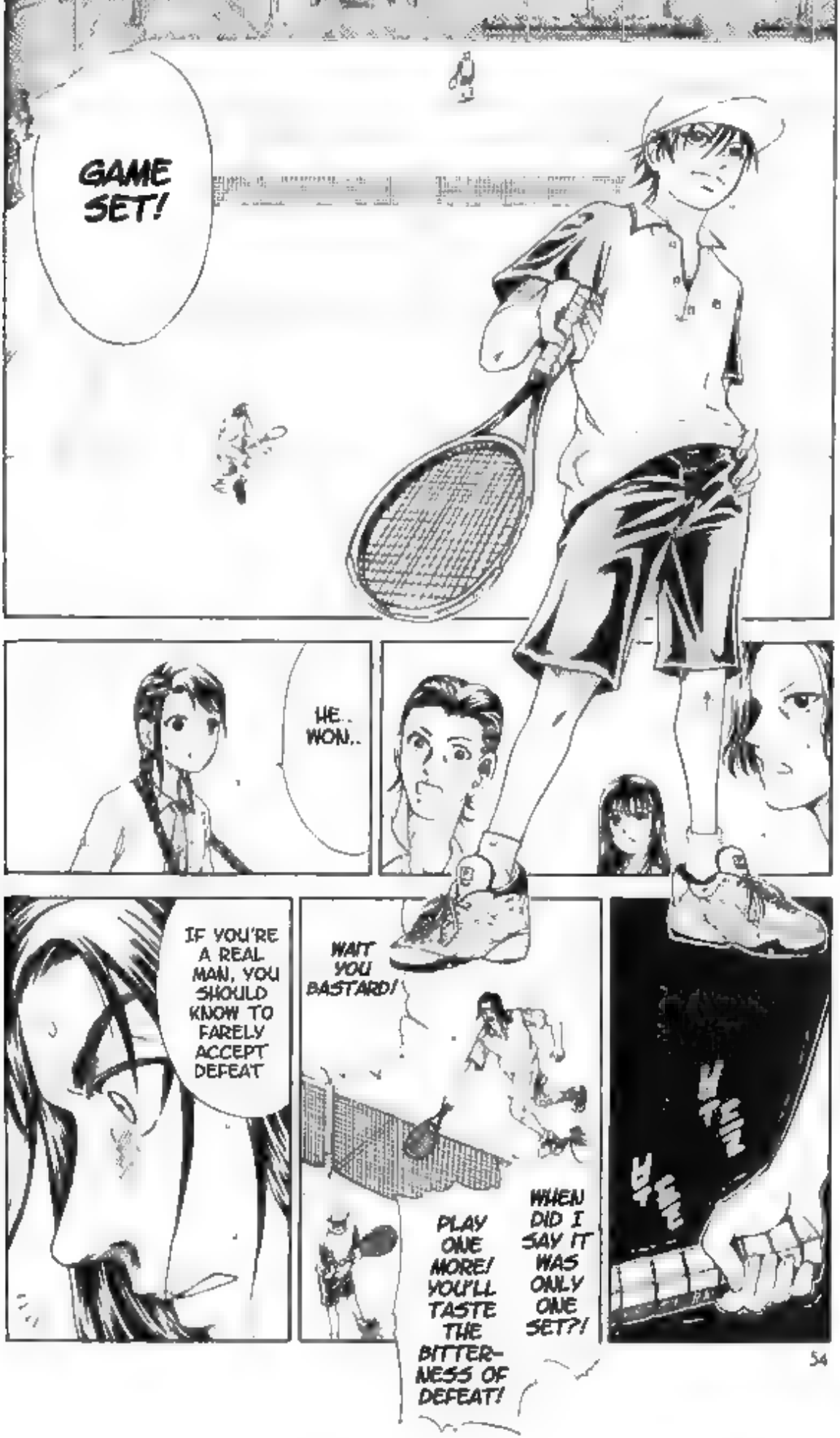

GAME SET!
HE.. WON..
IF YOU'RE A REAL MAN, YOU SHOULD KNOW TO FARELY ACCEPT DEFEAT
WAIT YOU BASTARD!
PLAY ONE MORE! YOU'LL TASTE THE BITTER-NESS OF DEFEAT!
WHEN DID I SAY IT WAS ONLY ONE SET?!

WHAT WAS THAT?! YOU OLD HAG!
BUT .. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY ..
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU PLAY, YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT ECHIZEN RYOMA!!
BUT YOU...
DOESN'T MATTER
55
FINE!! ONE MORE TIME!! GIVE ME YOUR BEST SHOT!!
WHAT?

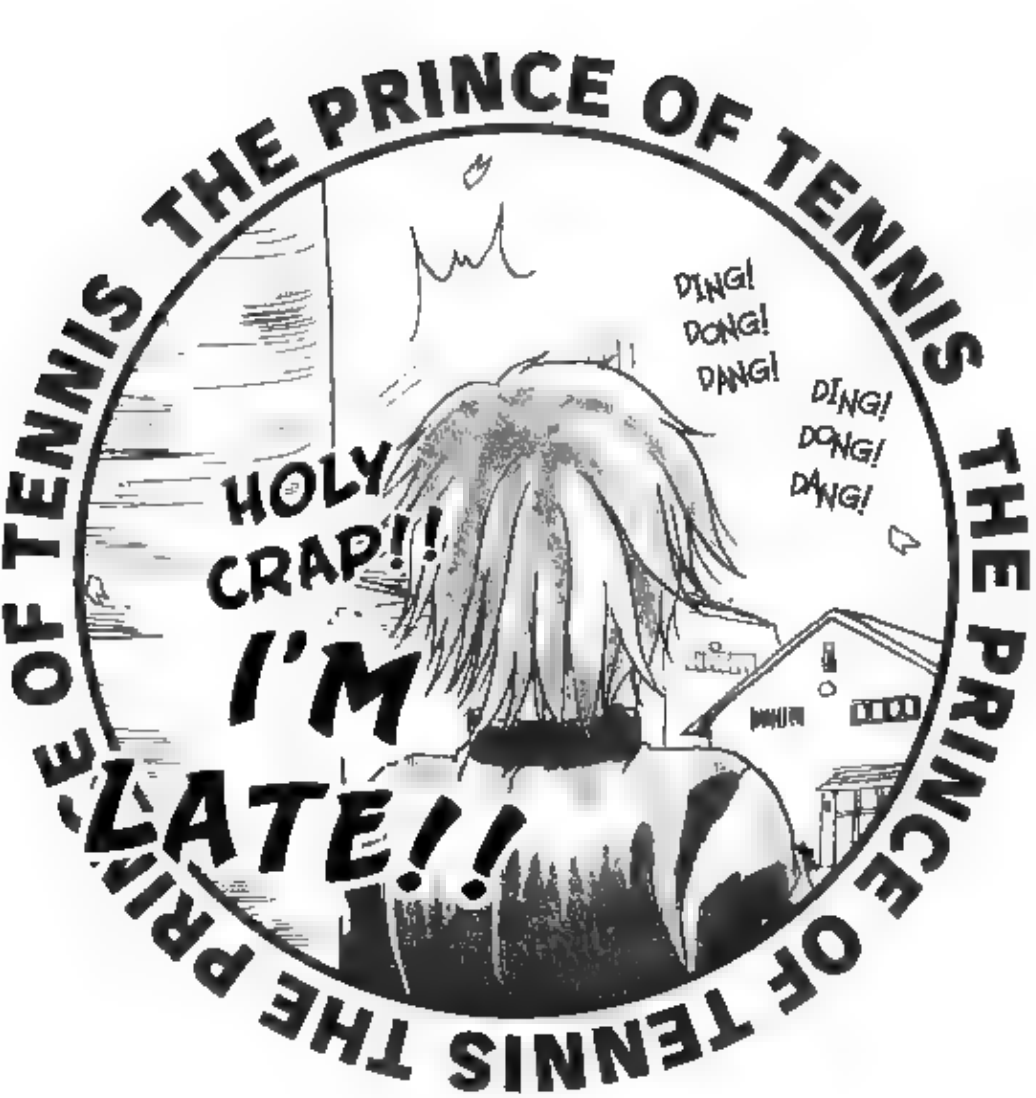
THEN. UNTIL NOW.
HE'S BEEN PLAYING LIKE THAT WITH THE OPPOSITE HAND
DAMN, LET'S RUN!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO PLAY WITHOUT PERMIS-SION!!
HEY!! YOU PUNKS!!

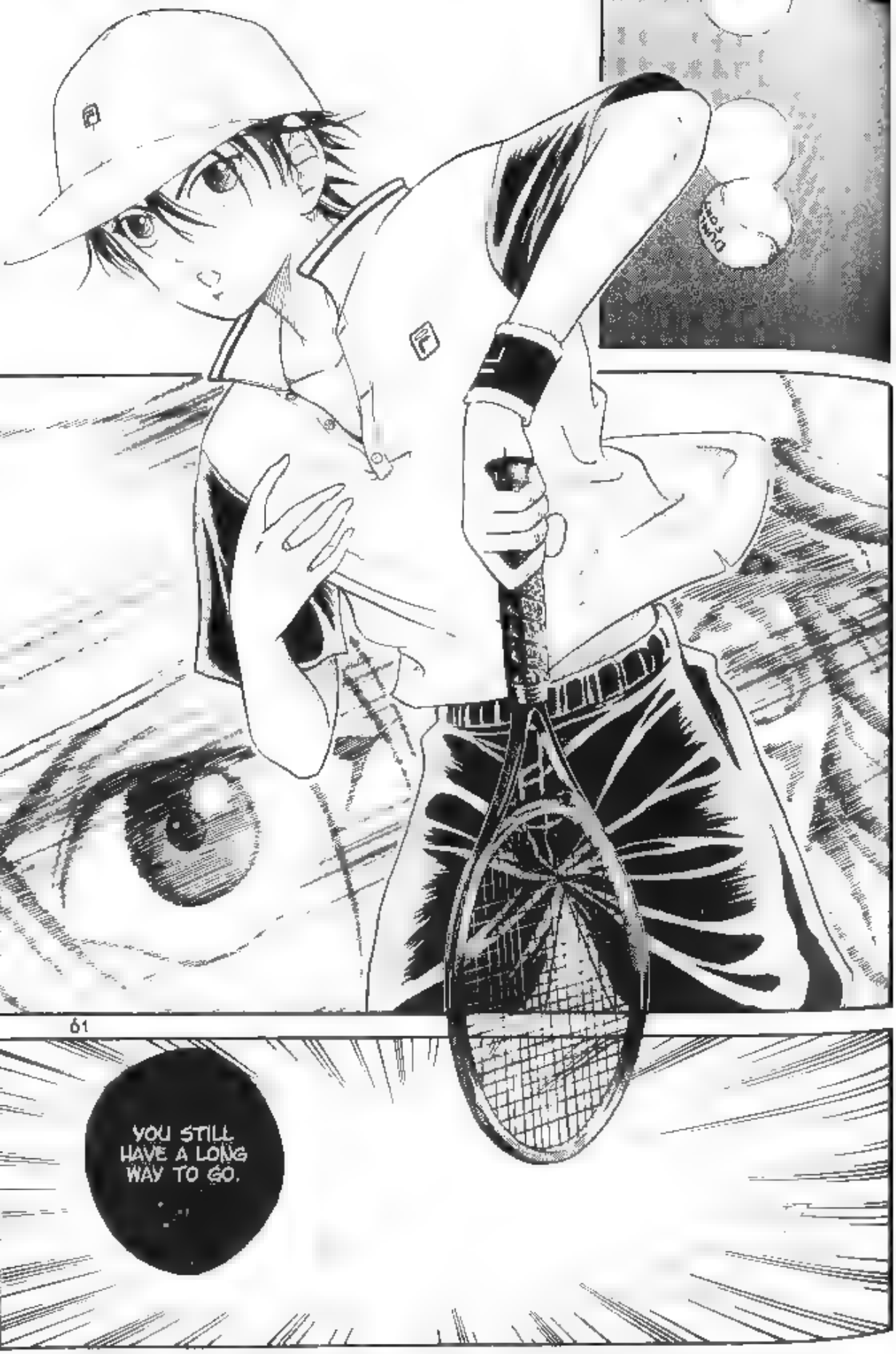
THAT CHILD ...
IS LEFT HANDED.

FEW DAYS LATER, SAIGAKU MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMISSION DAY.
입학식
SAKUNO!
I HEARD A GREAT KID IS JOINING THE TENNIS CLUB!
HE PROBABLY LOOKS LIKE A GORILLA.
THA. THAT'S SCARY!
AH, DOMOKA! HI!!

SAKUNO, YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY TENNIS?
ANYWAYS, WHAT'S THIS I HEAR?

YEAH!


THE PRINCE OF TENNIS
DING!
DONG!
DANG!
DING!
DONG!
DANG!
HOLY CRAP!!
I'M LATE!!



GENIUS 2 A Suspicious Child Has Appeared

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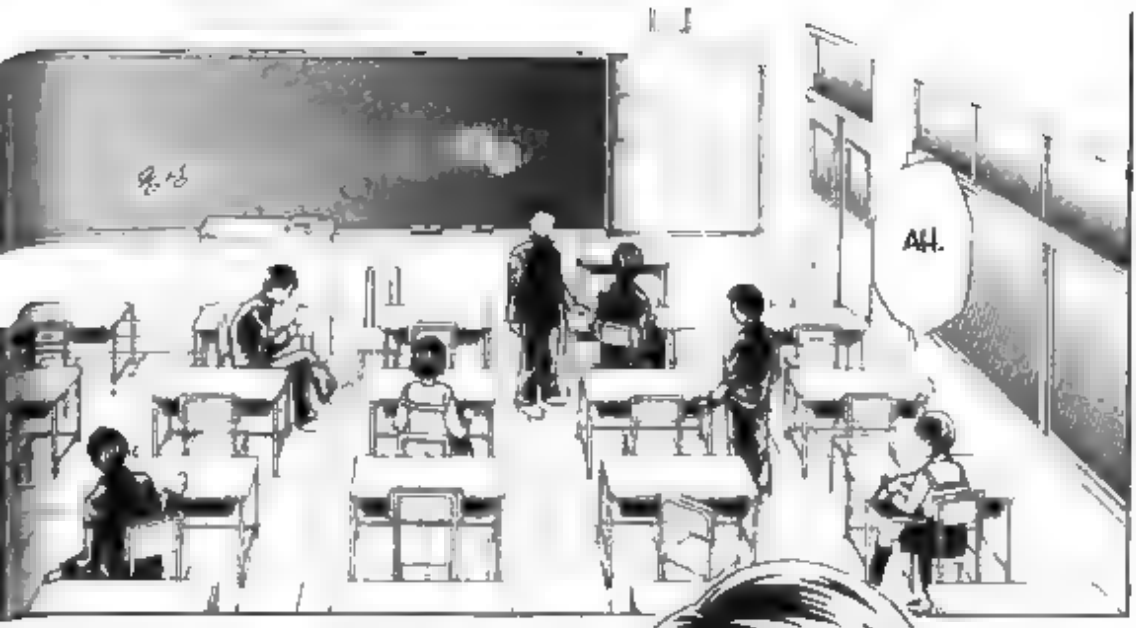
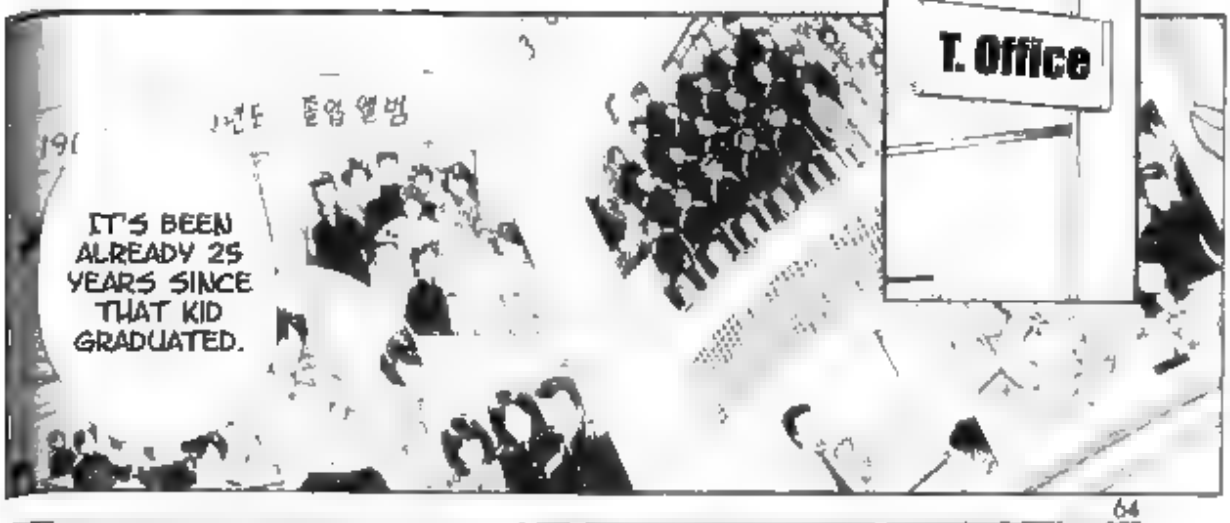

AH.

SAKUMO!
I WONDER WHAT THAT BOY IS DOING RIGHT NOW

RIGHT NOW, SOMEONE REALLY COOL IS PASSING BY! HEY, LET'S GO SEE HIM TOGETHER!

GENIUS 2

A SUSPICIOUS CHILD HAS APPEARED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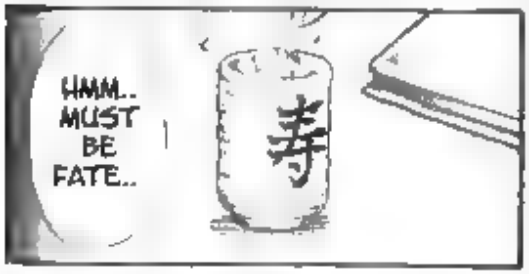
IT'S BEEN ALREADY 25 YEARS SINCE THAT KID GRADUATED.

IF ONLY HE DIDN'T HAVE THAT INJURY, THE GRAND SLAM MASTERY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN JUST A DREAM

ECHIZEN NANJIRO, A MAN WHO COULD HAVE CHANGED OUR COUNTRY'S TENNIS SOCIETY.


HMM.. MUST BE FATE..
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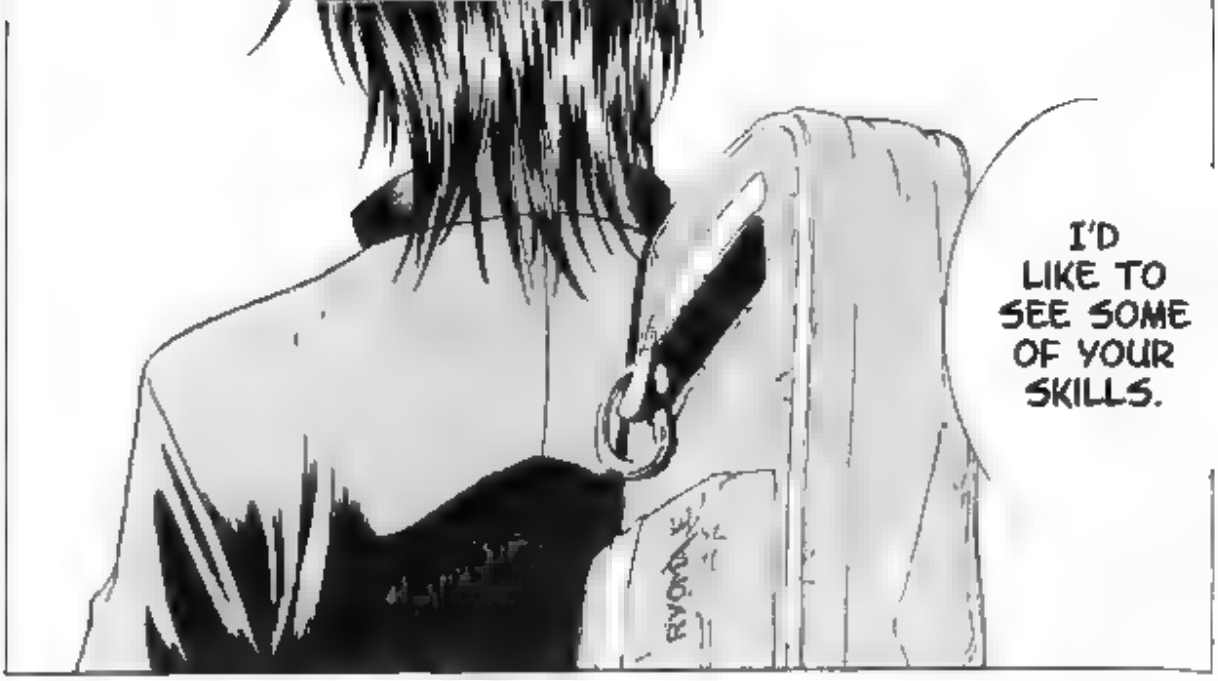
THAT HIS SON HAS COME TO THE SCHOOL THAT I WORK AT!


I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME OF YOUR SKILLS.

I'M HORIO

HEY, YOU'RE ECHIZEN FROM OUR CLASS, RIGHT?
SEEING THAT BAG, YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN THE TENNIS CLUB, RIGHT?

THIS TENNIS CLUB IS REALLY STRONG.
DO YOU KNOW?

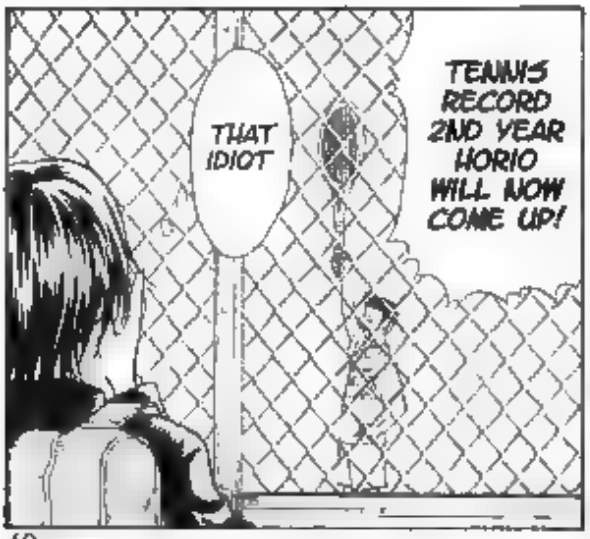
YOU'RE NOT LISTEN-ING!!
WHICH WAY IS THE TENNIS COURT?

NAW, DON'T MENTION IT!!
THANK YOU.
HUH? THE TENNIS COURT? IT'S THAT WAY, THAT WAY
WHAT? THE TENNIS COURT IS THE OPPOSITE WAY
SHIT! THAT SECOND YEAR PUNK GAVE US THE OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS!
WHOA! SEIGAKU SCHOOL IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT! THEIR FACILITIES ARE A KILLER!

WE WANTED TO PLAY A LITTLE BEFORE LEAVING.
THE OTHER 1ST YEARS LEFT
TODAY, THE 3RD AND 2ND YEAR ARE ON A PLAYING TOUR.
SO REGISTERING IS TOMORROW.
DAMN, THIS SUCKS.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
YO.
ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO JOIN OUR TENNIS CLUB?
WON'T YOU PLAY A FUN GAME WITH US?
WE'RE 2ND YEAR HAYASHI AND IKEDA.

10 TRIES TO KNOCK THE CAN DOWN, THE PRIZE IS 10,000 YEN EACH!
DUNLOP FORT
WHAT? GAME..
YOU SERVE FROM THERE.
THE RULE IS SIMPLE.
WANNA PLAY?
TO PLAY IS 200 YEN PER PERSON.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
10,000 YEN!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT TWICE!

YOU TWO ARE DONE.
WHEW, TOO BAD!!


THAT IDIOT
TENNIS RECORD 2ND YEAR HORIO WILL NOW COME UP!

WHAT, IS THAT ALL YOU CAN DO?!!

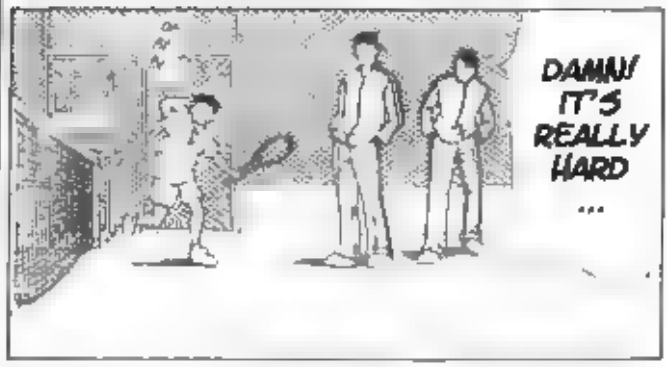
A TARGET THAT SMALL IN 10 TRIES IS TOO MUCH.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE

10,000 YEN IS MINE!!

WHA WHA?
WHA?
WHA.
YO, YOU ONLY HAVE ONE MORE TRY!
SEE? IDIOT.
I WON'T HIT IT!!
OH?
CRAP! IT HIT THE FRAME!
SHIT, THIS WAY EVEN WITH A 100 TRIES.

IT. IT'S REALLY .?
AH!! IT'S GOING GOOD?!
GO
HIT IT!!
AH!! SKINNED IT!! WHAT A WASTE!!
DUNLOP
FORT
TOO BAD. A REAL SHAME.
EVEN WE HAVE A HARD TIME WITH JUST 10 TRIES.
KEK, IF I HAD ONLY HIT IT A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT I COULDV'E KNOCKED IT DOWN.

HUH? SEEMS YOU MUST MIS-UNDER-STAND.


DAMN! IT'S REALLY HARD ...

OH, BUT I'VE DONE THE ...

WHAT?! 500 YEN PER TRY?!!
Knock Down the Can Game
* 1 try = 500 yen (starting fee, 200 yen)
* Prize 10,000 ...

HA-HA-HA-HA
IF YOU'D KNOCKED IT DOWN. YOU COULD'VE GOTTEN 10,000 YEN
WELL HOW'S THAT? IT'S LIKE OUR JOB!

ANYWAYS.

NONSENSE, THIS ISN'T EVEN GAMBLING, WHAT KIND OF RULE IS THIS?!
IDIOT, BLAME YOUR WORTH-LESS SKILLS!

DON'T WATCH, GIVE IT A TRY.
RIGHT! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO SAVE YOUR-SELF!
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, IDIOT!!
YOU. THE KID THAT'S JUST STANDING THERE ..
IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T ..
BUT HITTING THAT CAN NORMALLY ..
WOUDLN'T REALLY WORK.

OOOOOOHHH!!

BECAUSE IT PROBABLY HAS ROCKS IN IT?
WHAT?!

AWSOME! HE PIN-POINTED IT TO THE TOP PART!
AH ...
WHA?!
KUK ...
STUFFING THE CAN WITH ROCKS, THAT'S CHEATING!
AH! WHAT KIND OF A RULE IS THIS?!
THAT LITTLE SHIT! WE DIDN'T EVEN TELL HIM TO DO THAT!

!
IF I HIT IT 100 TIMES, WILL YOU GIVE ME 1,000,000 YEN?

JUST HOW COOL WAS HE?
HUH?
AW... AWSOME.
DO THAT LATER, LATER!
SHOULD I START A FAN CLUB FOR THAT GUY? HEEHEE!
HEY... DOMOKA
I'M GONNA GO TO THE TENNIS CLUB REGISTER-ATION.
AH! HE DEFINITELY CAME THIS WAY!
EH? THAT LOOKS LIKE THE TENNIS COURT.

YOUR CONTROL IS EXCELLENT!
EH..
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ROCKET DI

!?

AH! THE GUY FROM BEFORE!

MOMSHIRO, YOU ..
HEY.
HAYASHI AND IKEDA, SINCE NONE OF THE 3RD YEARS ARE HERE. .

OH! I HIT IT! LUCKY! ♡
Didn't think I could make it.
ROCKET DIVE

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
YOU THINK PICKING ON JUNIORS IS OKAY?
YO
NICE TO MEET YOU!
THAT 2ND YEAR HAS SOME GREAT POWER
DOING THAT TO A FULL CAN OF ROCKS!
DIVE

HEY.
WHO SAID YOU CAN LEAVE?

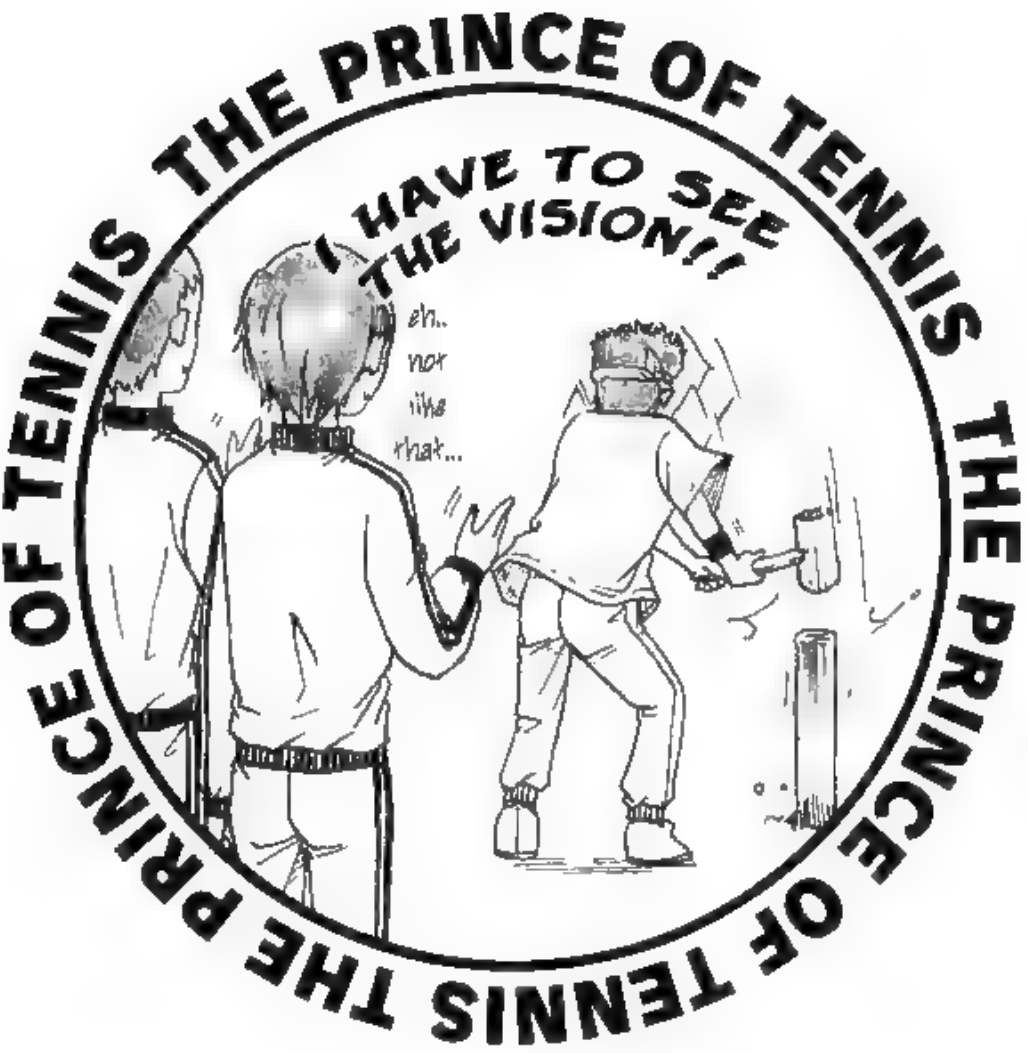
OH?!

LOOK OVER THERE! THE GUY WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HOLDING THE RACKET!!

KYAA! SAKUNO, HE'S OVER THERE!
WHERE? WHICH ONE?

RYO.. RYOMA?!

THERE'S NO USE FOR THE EYE IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE VISION.
YOU'RE THAT 'ECHIZEN RYOMA'.
OH.. I SEE NOW.
I'M MOMOSHIRO TAKESHI! 2ND YEAR!
ROCKET DIVE


THE PRINCE OF TENNIS
I HAVE TO SEE THE VISION!!
eh..
nor
like
that...

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2ND YEAR V.S. 1ST YEAR

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ECHIZEN! ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO PLAY WITH THAT 2ND YEAR REGULAR?
SA.. SAKUNO DO YOU KNOW HIM?
UM. YEAH. A LITTLE

SO WHAT?!
I WON'T TELL THAT YOU WERE PICKING ON THE JUNIORS.
HOLD ON, MOMO-SHIRO!!
YOU CAN'T ...!!
BUT STILL
YOU KNOW HOW TO DO THE TWIST SERVE?
I HEARD FROM THE OLD LADY COUN-SELOR...

TWIST
SLICE
GENERALLY SPEAKING, IT'S THE REVERSE OF THE SLICE SERVE THAT TURNS LEFT!!
BUT IN TABLE TENNIS, UNLIKE THE SLICE, IT BOUNDS WHEN THERE IS A TOP SPIN.
WHA?! REALLY ?!!
EH.. WHAT'S THE TWIST SERVE ...?
JEEN!
SO IN OTHER WORDS, THE BALL FLIES STRAIGHT TOWARDS YOUR FACE.
THERE AREN'T MANY JUNIORS WHO CAN DO THE TWIST SERVE, RIGHT?
EH?
OHH, HOW SCARY.
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FINE.
HURRY UP AND START THE GAME.
SMOOTH. (FRONT)
TOO BAD, IT'S ROUGH. (BACK)
WHICH SIDE?
BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE THAT TWIST SERVE FIRST!
WHAT?! WHY AREN'T YOU SERVING FIRST?!!
I'LL LET YOU SERVE. I'M GOING TO USE THIS SIDE OF THE COURT

OH, GO AHEAD
CAN I BE THE REFEREE FOR THIS MATCH?!

THE BEST OF ONE SET! ECHIZEN SERVICE PLAY!

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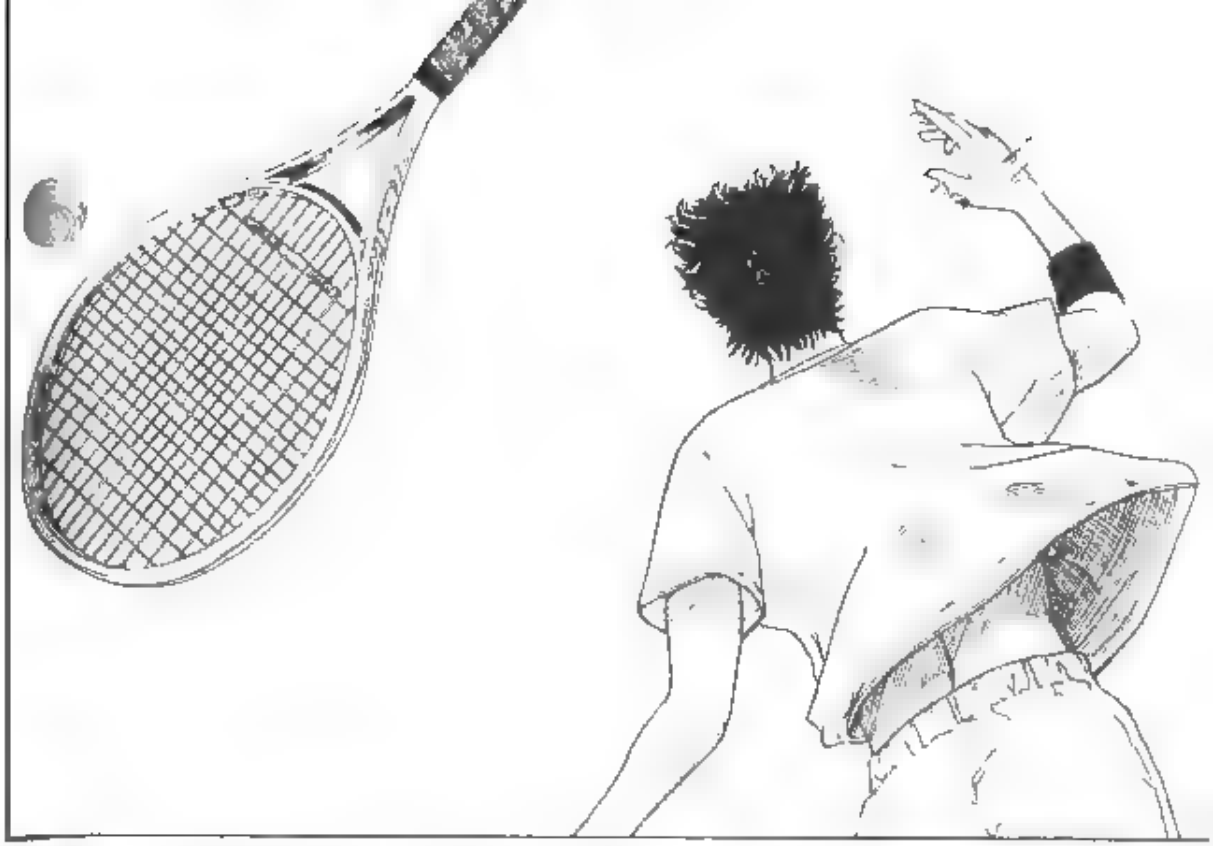
FF
OE
WOW
UM. YEAH.
AWSOME! HE'S REALLY GOOD IN TENNIS! LET'S CHEER FOR HIM. CHEER!
HE STARTED WITH AN ACE?!
FAST!

I REFUSE THE SLICE SERVE.
I DON'T WANT TO
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO STINGY
OH! THE TWIST SERVE!
HUH?
15—0.
SHIT. ARROGANT BRAT. EH?

LET'S DIVE



AMAZING! THAT'S THE TWIST SERVE?!

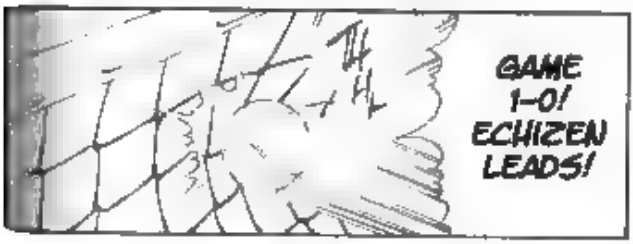
THAT PUNK.

YOU OKAY?
AH, SCARED ME BACK THERE.

THE BALL IS SHARPER THAN I THOUGHT
THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO FOR IT WHEN IT SPINS.
30-0.
AND TO DO THAT ...
TO THE FRONT!
ALL RIGHT! I GOT IT!!

NO, IT DIDN'T WORK. I COULDN'T HIT IT BACK!!
NO
AHAHA

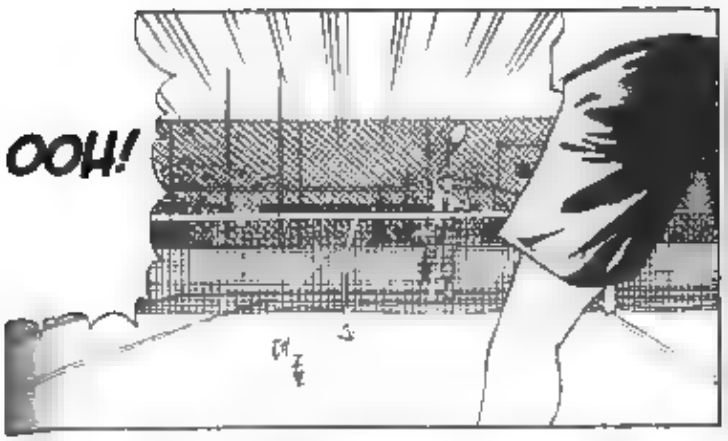
SO EVEN WITH TIMING, I CAN'T HIT IT BACK ..
INTERESTING!


GAME 1-0! ECHIZEN LEADS!

MOMO-SHIRO IS A MEMBER OF THE REGULAR TEAM!
NO WAY!!
QQQQQ

THE TIMING WAS RIGHT!! DOES THAT MEAN THE BALL HAS THAT MUCH STRENGTH ...
IN IT?!
MOMO-SHIRO WAS OVER-POWERED ?!!

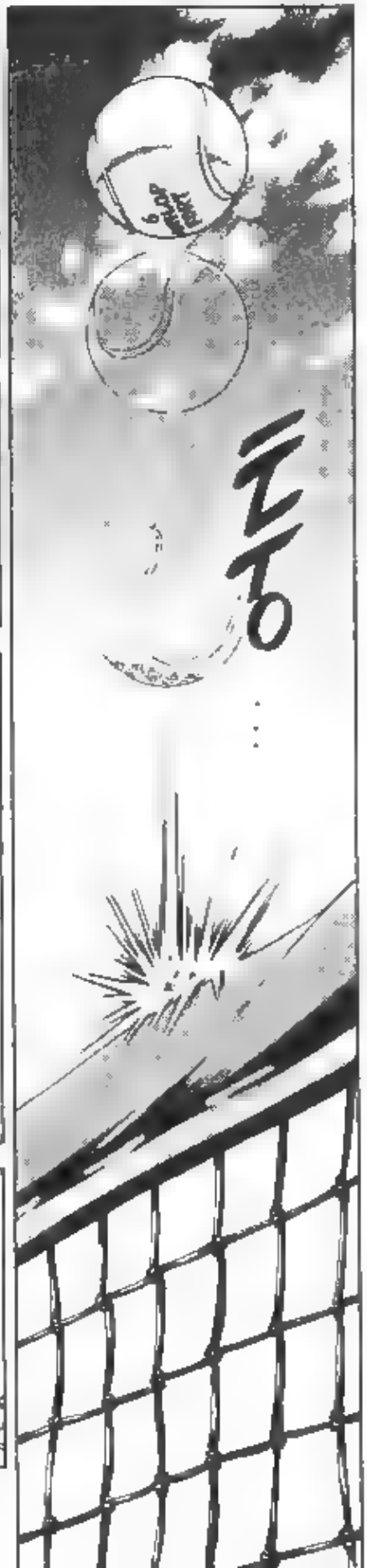
A-AH!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MOMOSHIRO IS BEING OVER-POWERED.
WHAT'S GOING ON?


OOH!

HE WAS BARELY ABLE TO HIT THAT SERVE!!

OH, LUCKY.♡
ROCKET DIVE

RYOMA'S TWIST SERVE IS STILL UNBEAT-ABLE!!
THAT WAS HIS FIRST!
THAT PERSON. IS STARTING TO RECEIVE HIS SERVES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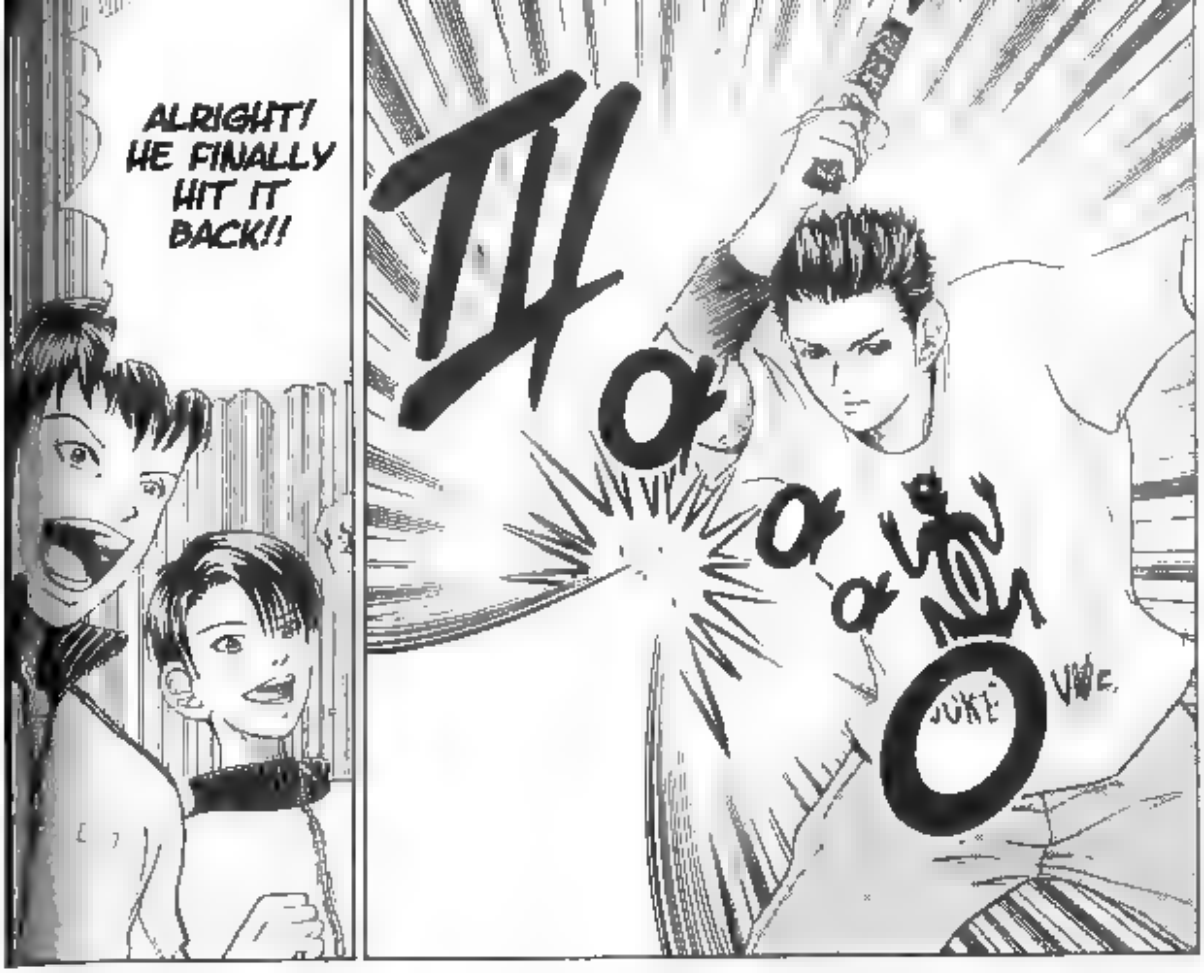
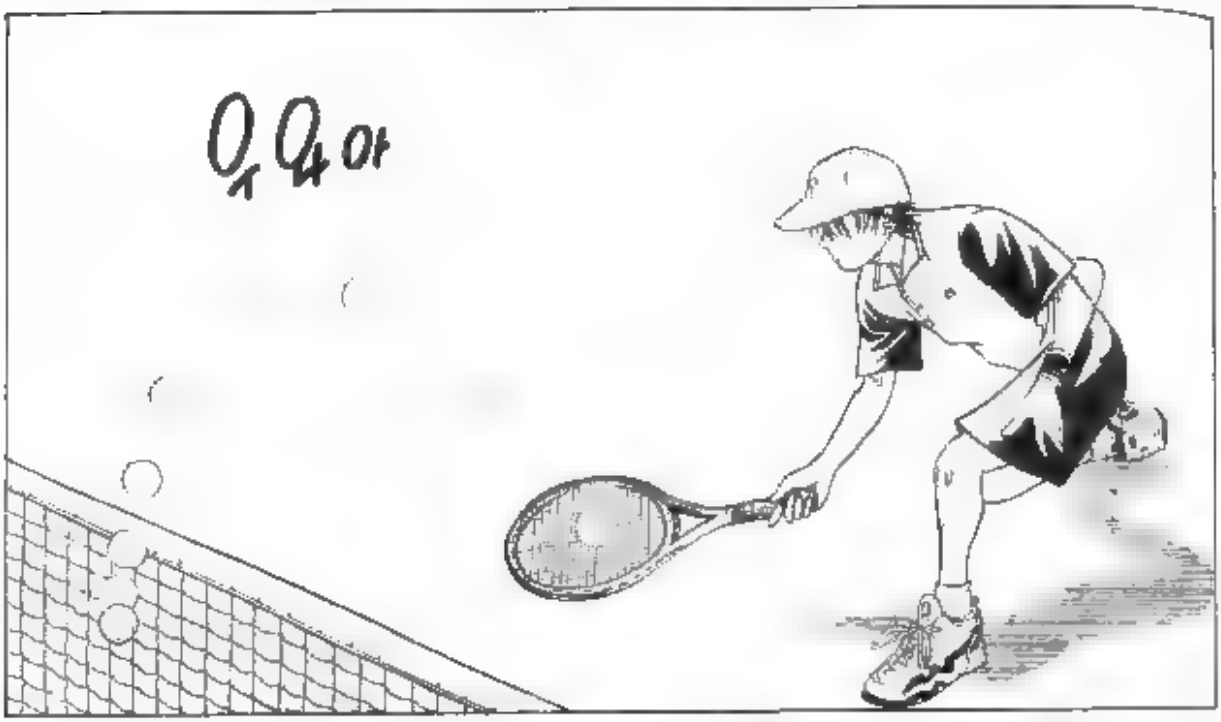
I FEEL SORRY ...
IN A MATCH BETWEEN POWER..
IVE GOT THE TIMING FOR THE BALL
I CAN'T LOSE!


ALRIGHT! HE FINALLY HIT IT BACK!!
THWACK
JUKE VOICE

HE HE HE

THWACK
SHIT!
THWACK
BUT HE HIT IT BACK AT THE NET!!


O..OH!
HE'S NOT
A GUY TO
BE TAKEN
LIGHTLY!
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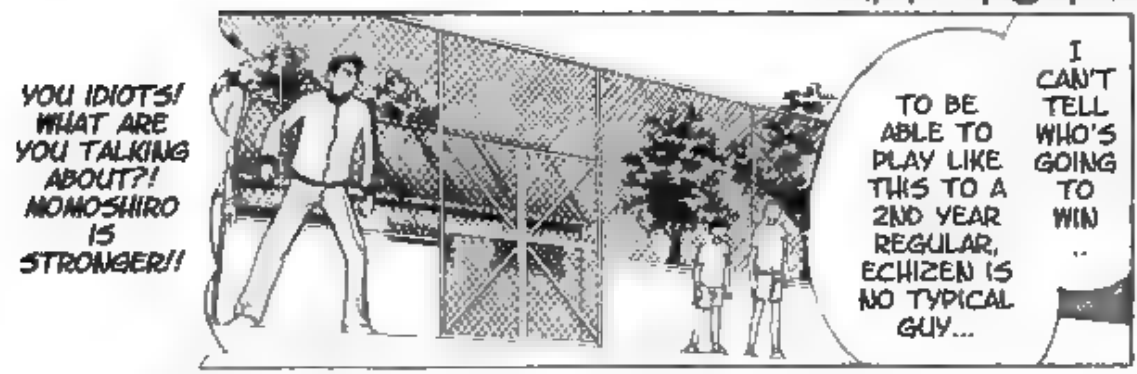
DROP
VOLLEY?!
YOU!
YOU KNOW
HOW TO DO
THAT TO?!!


YOU IDIOTS! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! MOMOSHIRO IS STRONGER!!
I CAN'T TELL WHO'S GOING TO WIN ..
TO BE ABLE TO PLAY LIKE THIS TO A 2ND YEAR REGULAR, ECHIZEN IS NO TYPICAL GUY...

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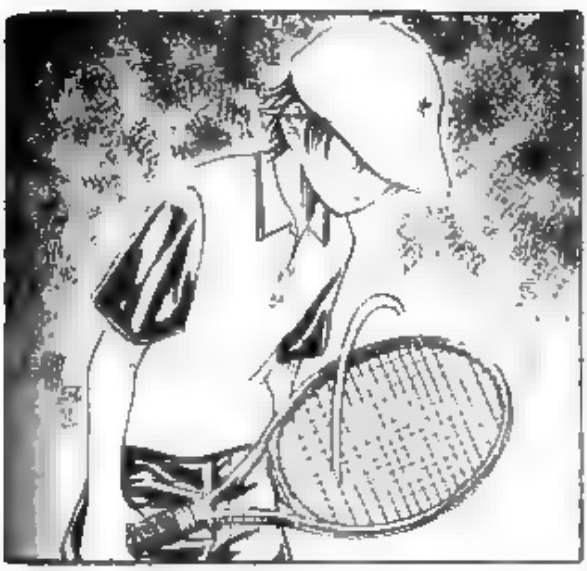
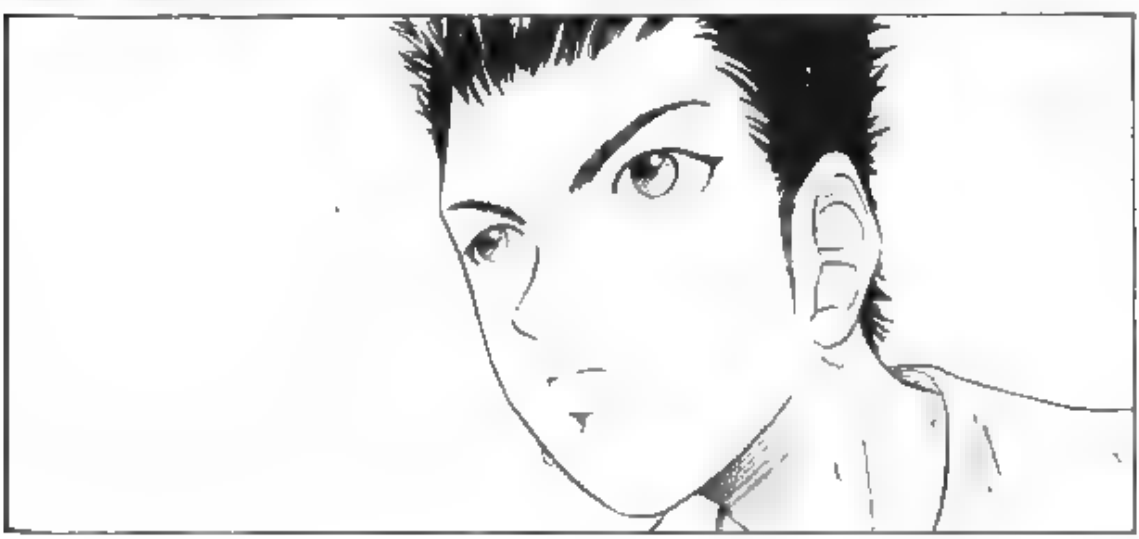
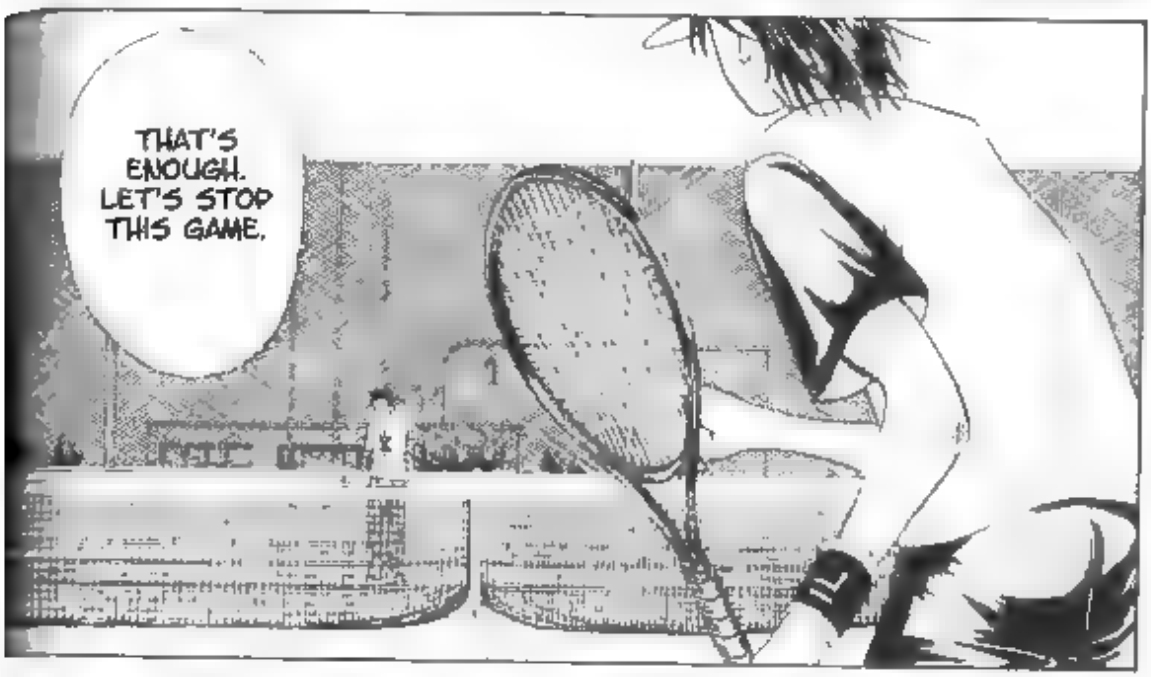


I HAVE TO FINISH THIS GAME!
DAMMIT, I TOOK TOO LONG!



HUH?
OH YEAH
..
AH!

WAIT!
TIME!


THAT'S ENOUGH. LET'S STOP THIS GAME.

WHAT?!

I'LL LET YOU GO WITH THIS, HEH!

MOMOSHIRO! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

UM, YEAH.
KYA! THIS IS SO COOL! LET'S GO SEE HIM!
WOW! YOU WERE GREAT! TO PLAY EVENLY WITH THAT 2ND YEAR!!
HI THERE! I'M A FRIEND OF SAKUNO! MY NAME IS OSAKADA DOMOKA!
WHO'S ..
YOU FORGOT ALREADY?
SAKUNO?

IF ONLY YOUR ANKLE WASN'T INJURED...
HEY, ARE YOU GOING TO LET HIM GO, MOMO-SHIRO?
BUT ...
IF WE DO, THAT 1ST YEAR WILL SURELY DISREGARD US 2ND YEARS

FROM THE BEGINNING ...
NO... HE ALREADY KNEW.

TO PLAY A SEMPAI WITH THE OPPOSITE HAND. HE MUST HAVE BEEN LOOKING OUT FOR ME.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT WHAT THE COUNSELOR TOLD ME..

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEKS RANKING MATCHES.
WELL, IT WAS A DRAW BUT...

I'M STILL FAR FROM DONE.
RYOMA, HOW WAS THE SCHOOL'S CLUBS?
GARPHIN, YOU CAN'T COME IN.
OH!
I REMEMBER NOW!
THIS GIRL

THE PRINCE OF TENNIS
PLEASE REMEMBER US!!
HORIO
KATSUKO
KACHIRO

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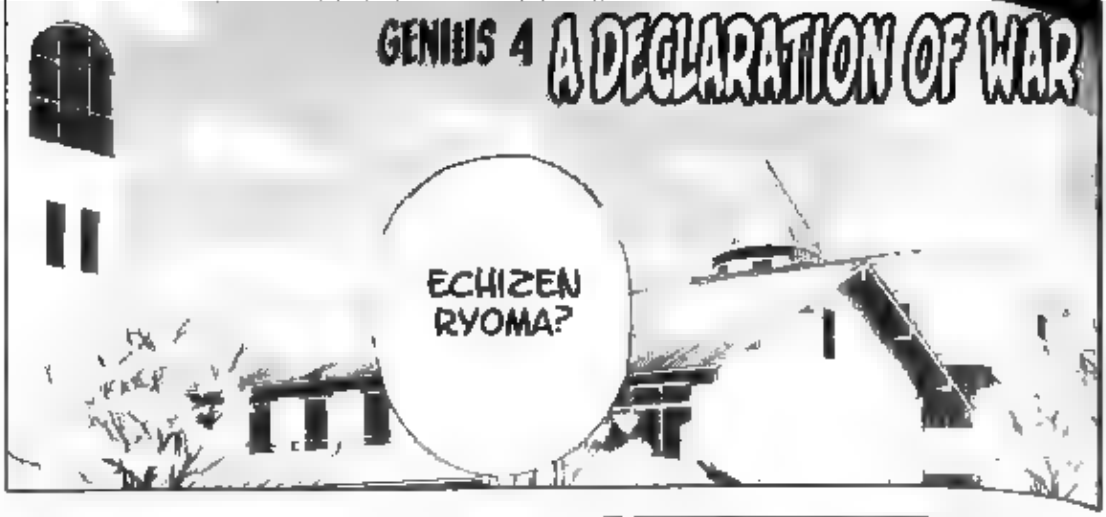

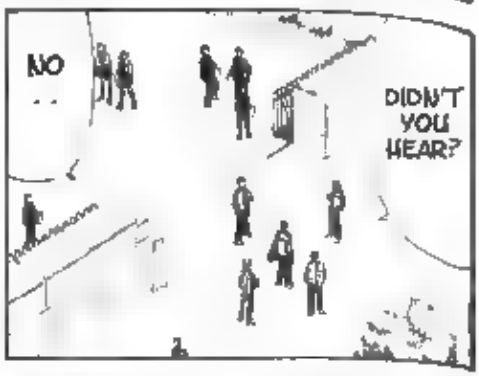

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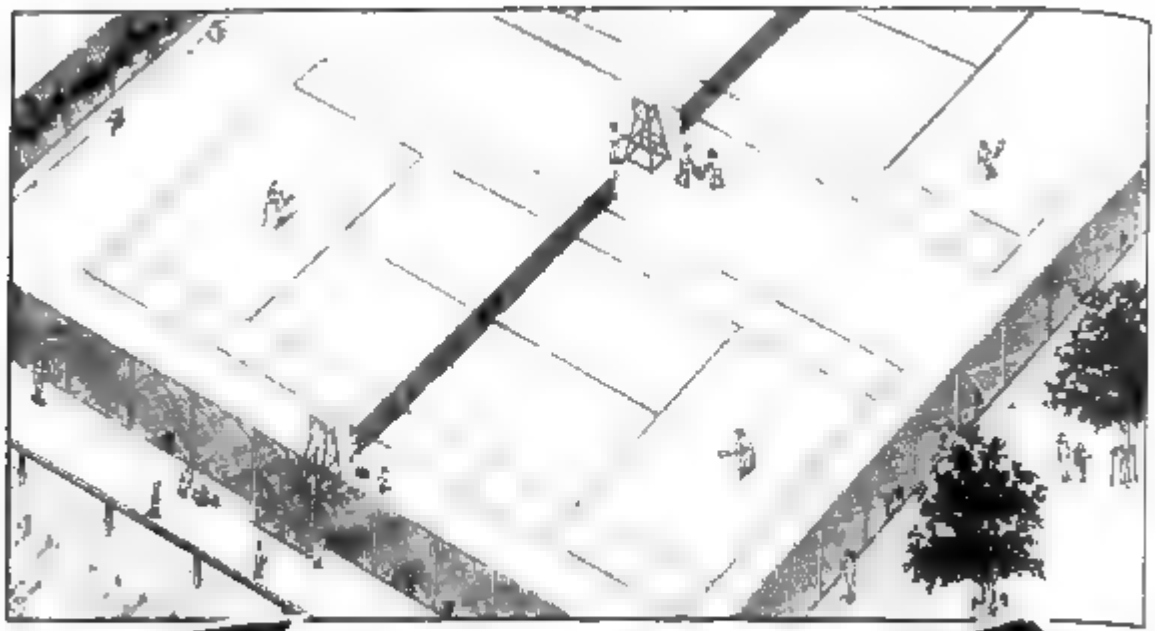

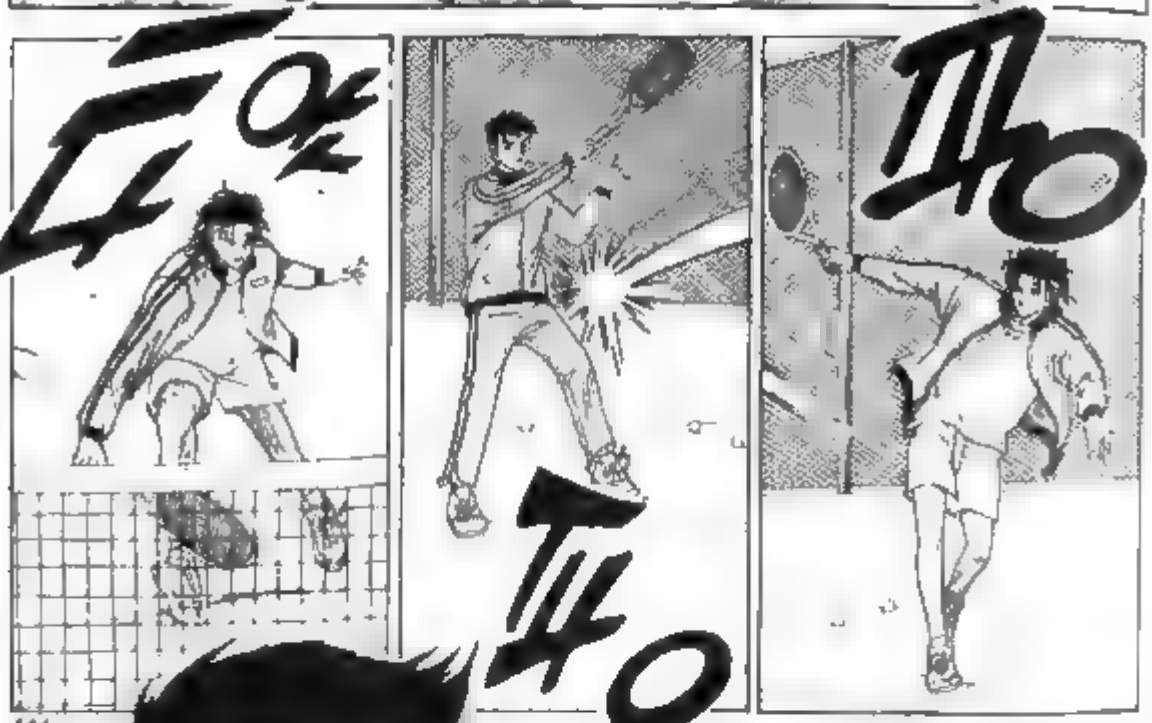
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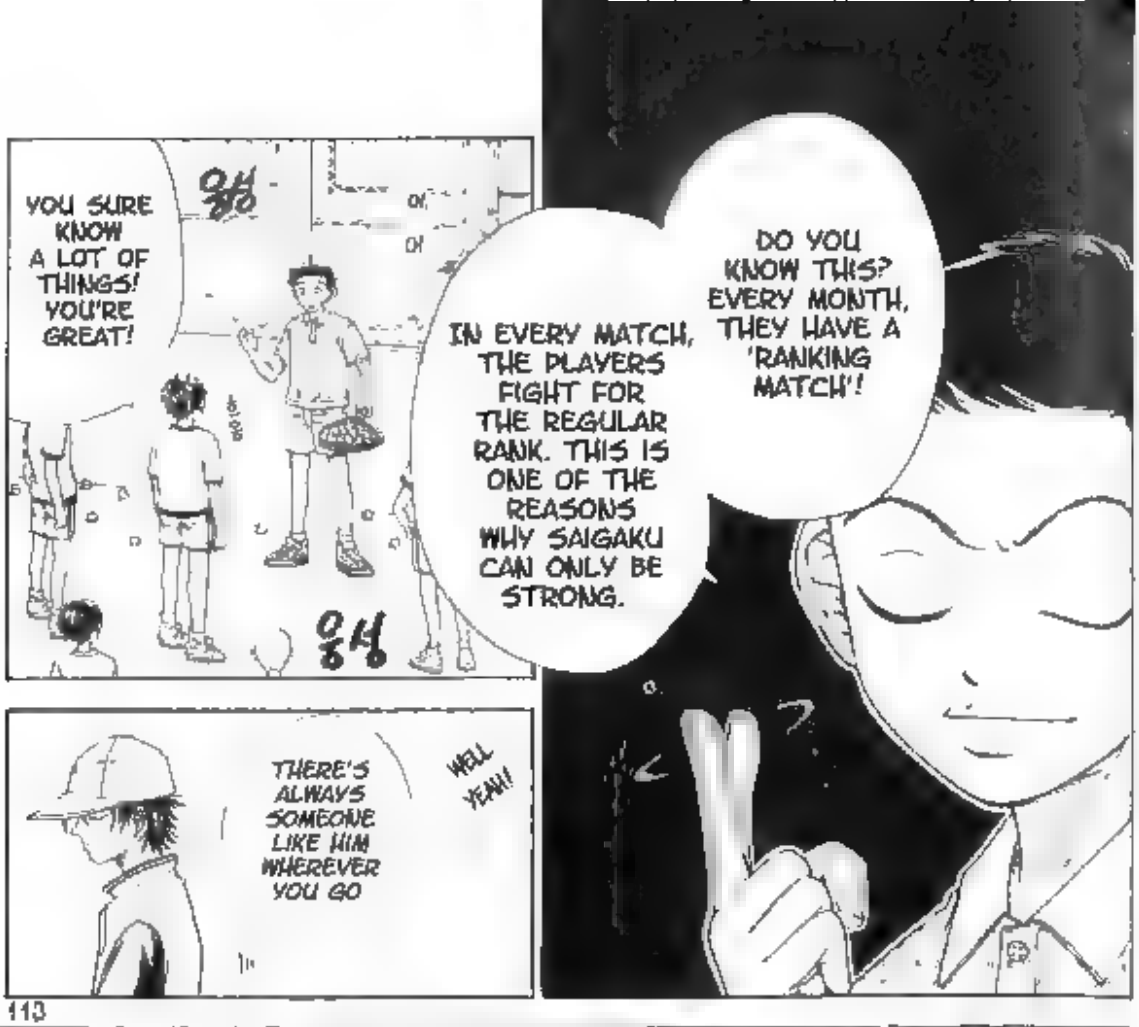
HMM...

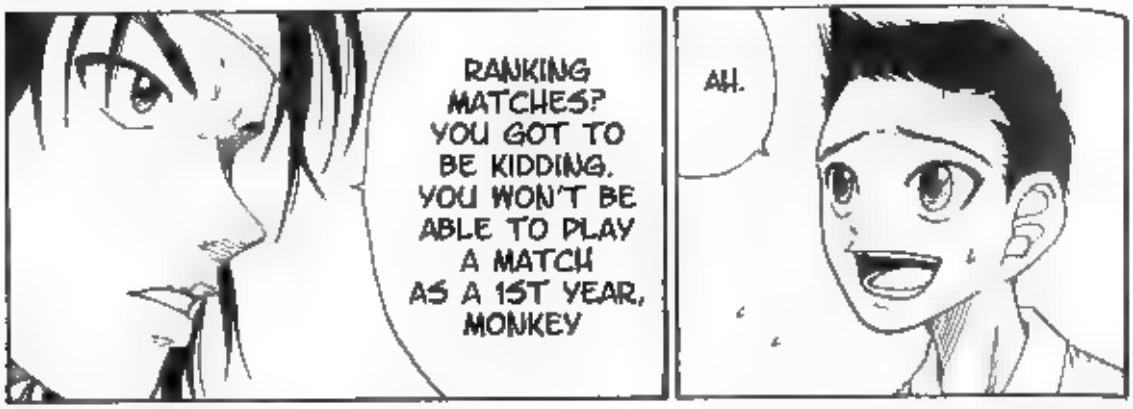
THAT SENPAI, MOMOSHIRO, WAS ONLY USING HALF OF HIS TRUE ABILITY BECAUSE HIS ANKLE TWISTED.
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD.
OF COURSE, THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE PLAYED EVENLY WITH THAT SENPAI
THE LEVEL SURE IS HIGH AT SAIGAKU!
LOOK AT THEM! THE REGULAR PLAYERS HAVE YET TO COME ..
AND THESE PLAYERS ARE THIS STRONG!
ECHIZEN! ARE YOU LISTENING?!
NOT REALLY ..


DO YOU KNOW THIS? EVERY MONTH, THEY HAVE A 'RANKING MATCH'!
IN EVERY MATCH, THE PLAYERS FIGHT FOR THE REGULAR RANK. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY SAIGAKU CAN ONLY BE STRONG.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT OF THINGS! YOU'RE GREAT!
WELL YEAH!
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE LIKE HIM WHEREVER YOU GO

ARE YOU THAT 'GREAT 1ST YEAR'?!

GREAT 1ST YEAR..?
SO THAT'S HIM.
HOW OBVIOUS.. HE'S THE ONLY ONE WEARING THE WEIRD SHIRT AND JUMPING AROUND
I WOULD LOVE TO PLAY A RANK MATCH WITH THE CAPTAIN.
WHO KNOWS? I MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO GET ONE POINT!
THIS ONE
THAT'S HOW GREAT THE SEIGAKU REGULARS ARE!
WE ARE PLACED IN THE BEST FOUR IN THIS DISTRICT
WHO CARES? PRACTICE HASN'T STARTED YET.
WHY ARE THE 1ST YEARS BUNCHED UP TO-GETHER?

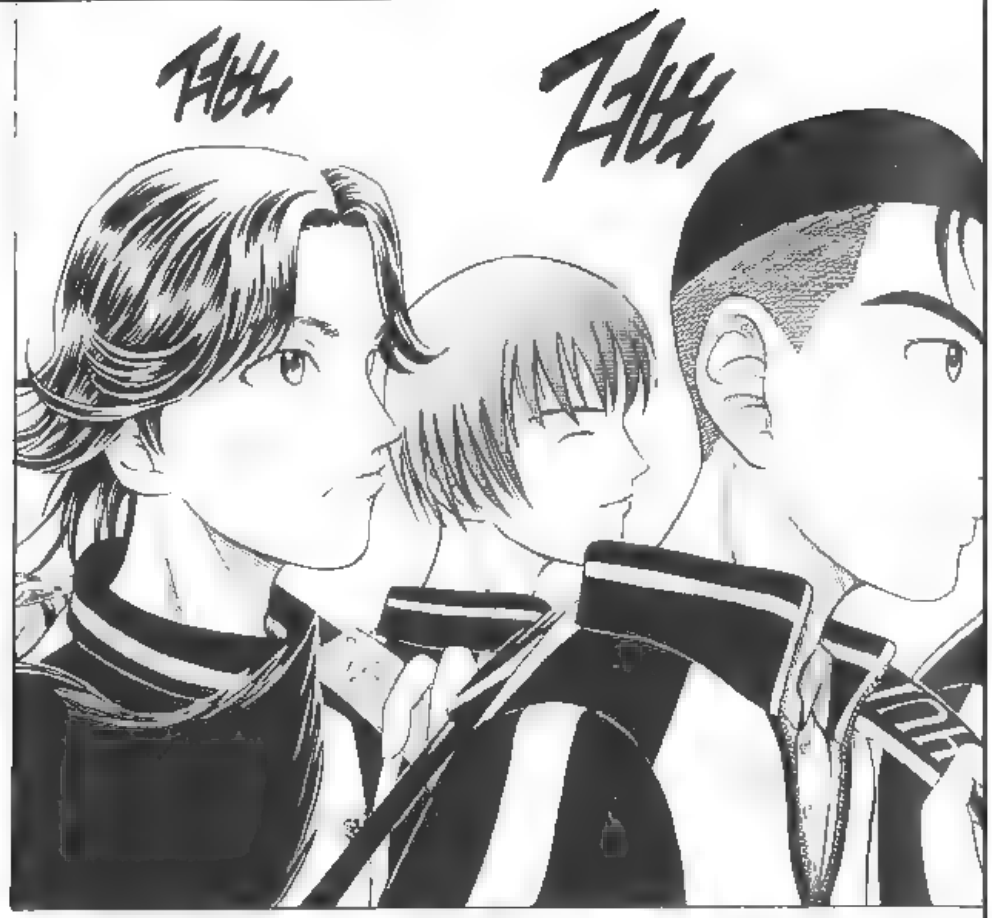
DON'T GET ALL COCKY, 1ST YEAR!
JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE ABLE TO PLAY EVENLY WITH THE INJURED MOMOSHIRO,


RANKING MATCHES? YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY A MATCH AS A 1ST YEAR, MONKEY
AH.

WH WHAT?!

YOU 1ST YEARS WILL ONLY BE COLLECTING BALLS AND TRAINING YOUR ENDURANCE UNTIL THE SUMMER CAMP TRAINING!
SO IN OTHER WORDS REGULARS WILL ONLY BE CHOSEN WITHIN 2ND AND 3RD YEARS!

TODAY'S THE DAY WHEN THE REGULARS WILL BE COMING SO IF YOU MISBEHAVE, I, 2ND YEAR ARAI, WILL.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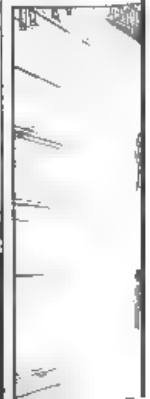
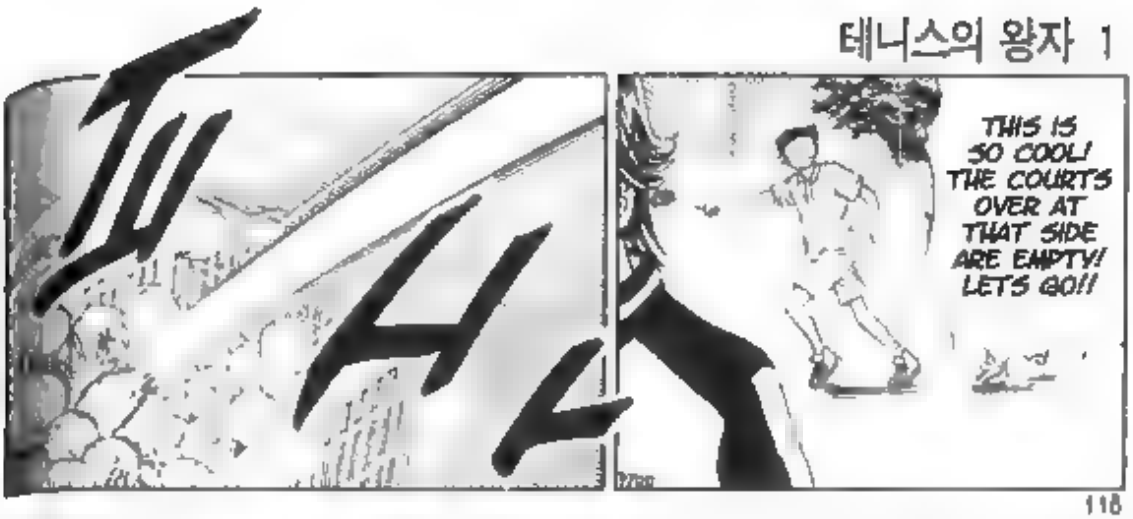
HEY
HOW ABOUT A FRIENDLY GAME?

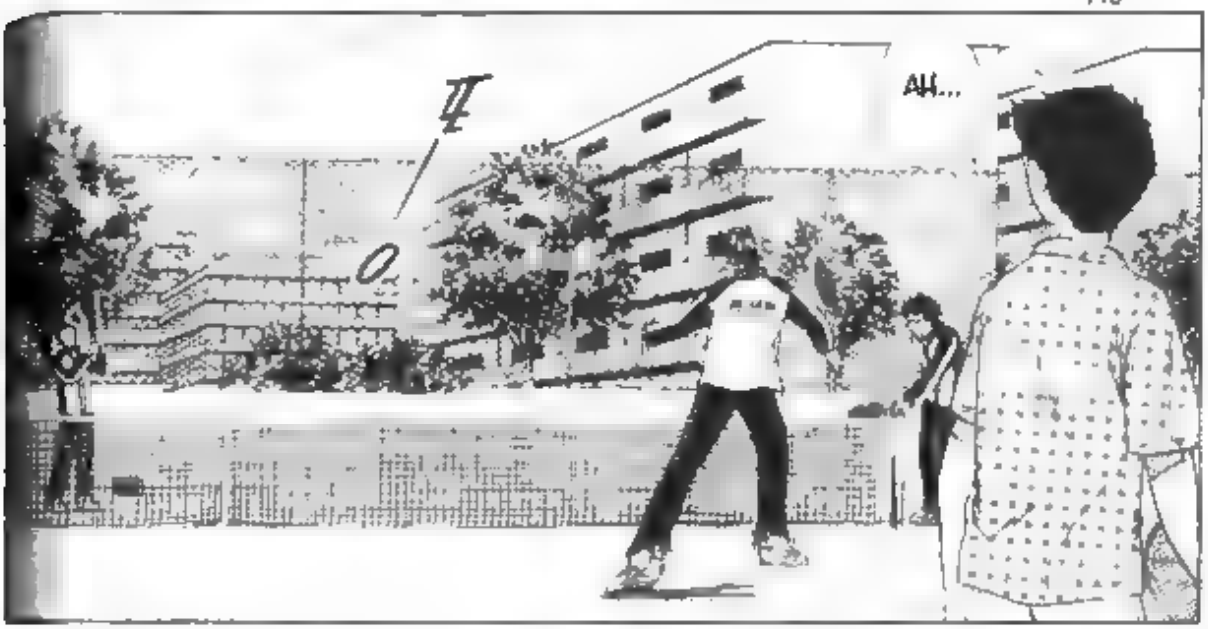
UNTIL THE CAPTAIN COMES, YOU ARE FREE TO USE THE COURTS.
JUST TO GET THE NEW JUNIORS TO EASE UP ...



THE...THERE THEY COME!! THE REGULAR MEMBERS!!

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!!


THIS IS SO COOL! THE COURTS OVER AT THAT SIDE ARE EMPTY! LETS GO!!

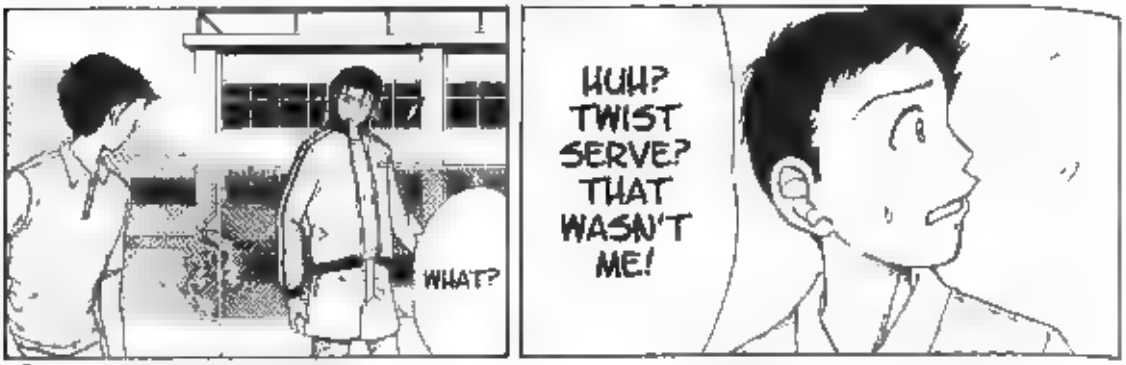

AH...

HUP!

FUJI, YOU'RE STEPS ARE TOO SLOW.
WOW!!
ALL THE LOBS THEY HIT...

ARE GOING STRAIGHT TO THE BASKET!!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME EVER WATCHING SUCH A SMASH PRACTICE!
THIS IS SEIGAKU'S ...
REGULAR MEMBERS!!

JUST BECAUSE YOU MADE IN SOME TWIST SERVES, THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A 1ST YEAR TO BUTT IN.
OUR SENPAI'S ARE GREAT.
NOW DO YOU GET IT, MONKEYBOY?


WHAT?
HUH? TWIST SERVE? THAT WASN'T ME!

OOPS. THAT'S A BIT HIGH.
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THE ONE THAT PLAYED MOMOSHIRO SENPAI WAS THAT KID OVER THERE.

YOU SEE THE GUY WITH THE CAP?

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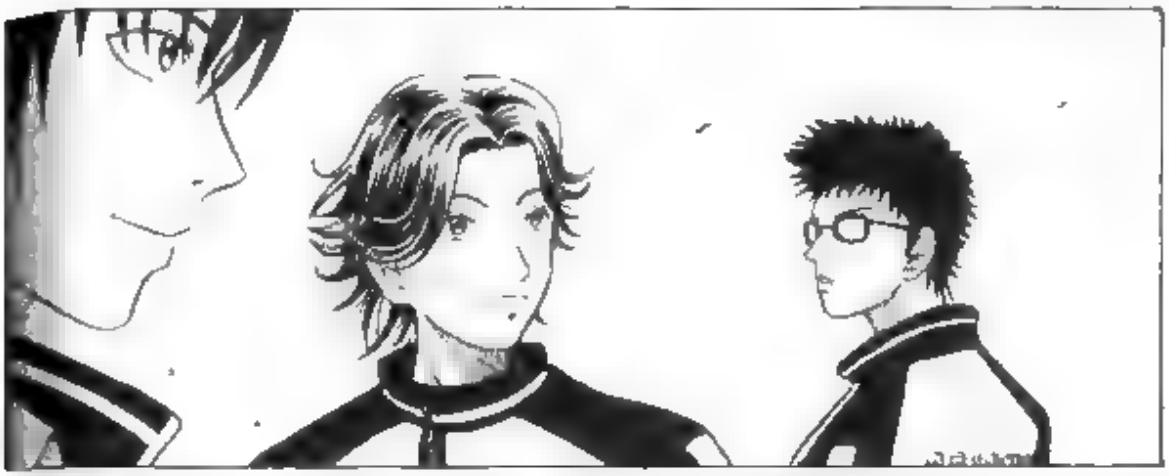
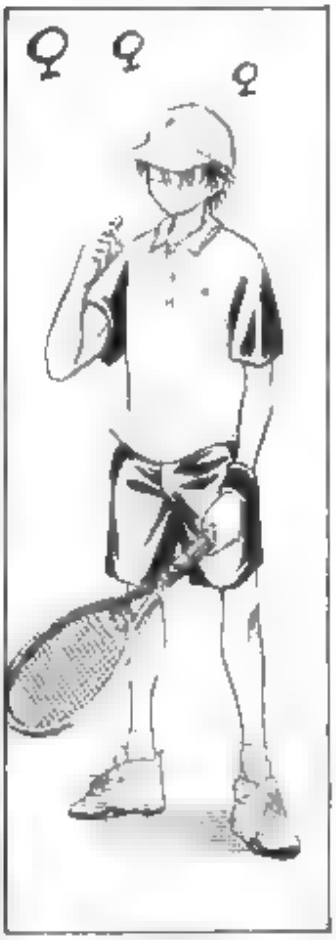


EH... DOESN'T SEEM THAT HARD.

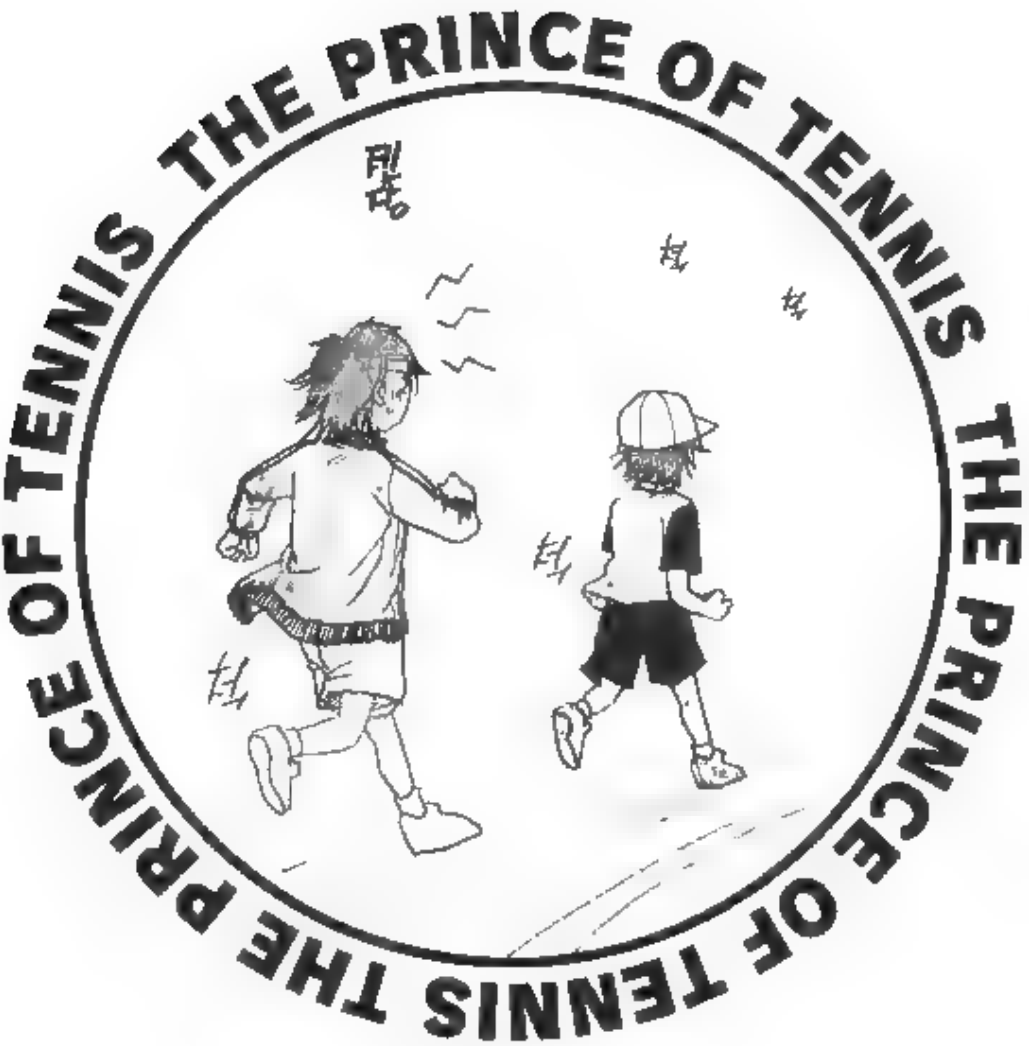


THAT JERK IS HE STUPID OR WHAT?
HMM ..
I WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG!
YOU PUNK!
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A 1ST YEAR TO BE SHOWING OFF!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS IN THE COURTS.
EIGAKU

CA... CAPTAIN!
SEIGAKU
AH! WA..WAIT! IT'S BECAUSE OF...
10 LAPS AROUND THE COURT FOR CAUSING A COM-MOTION.
THE TWO OF YOU THERE,
20 LAPS!
YE.. YES!
TEZUKA KUNIMITSU
SEIGAKU JR HIGH
TENNIS CLUB
CAPTAIN (3RD YEAR)

EVERONE, START WARMING UP!!
YE.. YES!
STARTING WITH THOSE WHO FINISH, THE 2ND AND 3RD YEARS WILL GO TO THE COURTS!!!
1ST YEARS, BE READY TO PICK UP THE BALLS!! THAT'S IT FOR TODAY!!!
THAT PUNK, I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS..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GENIUS 5

THE DUSTY RACKET

UK!
RING
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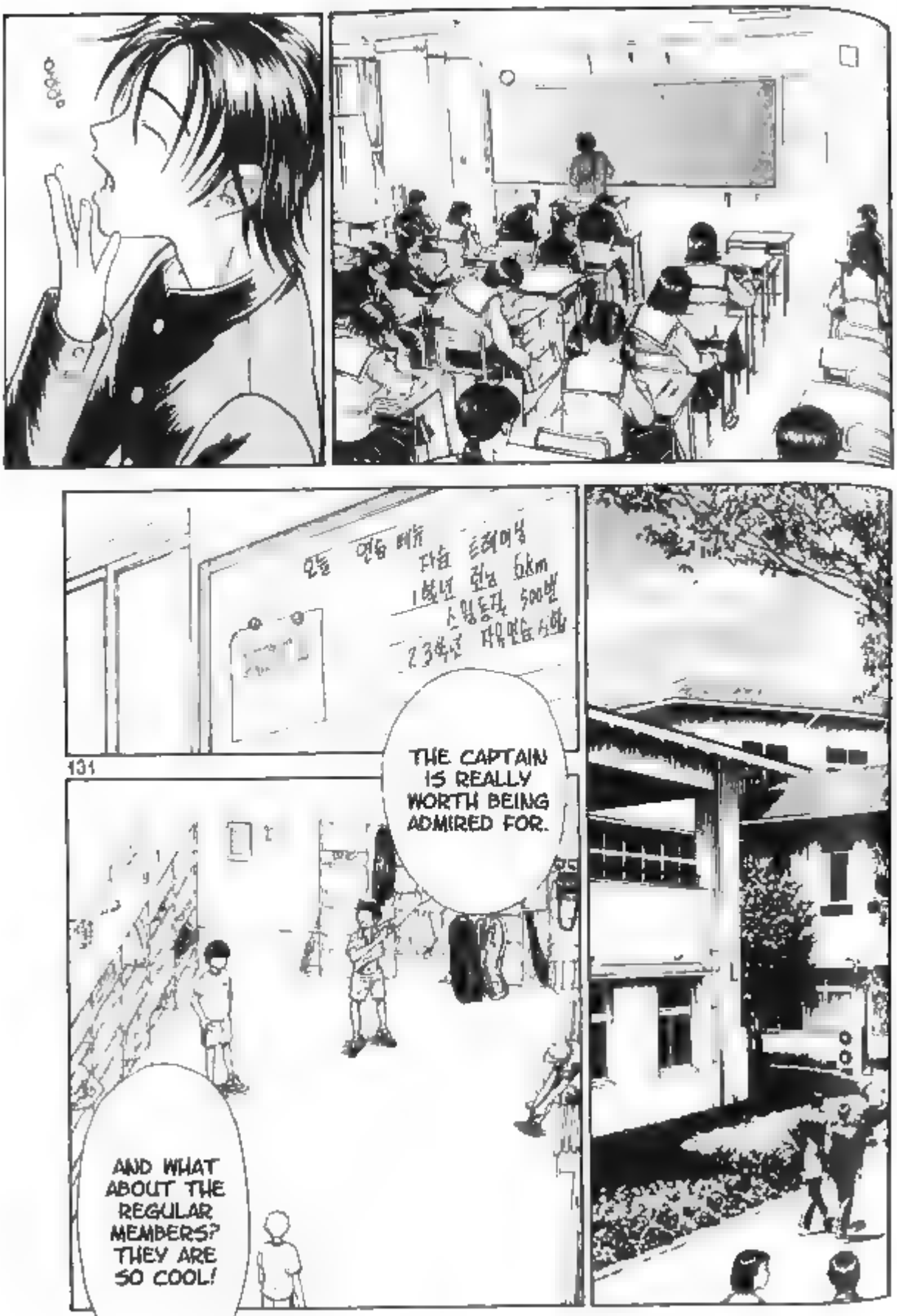
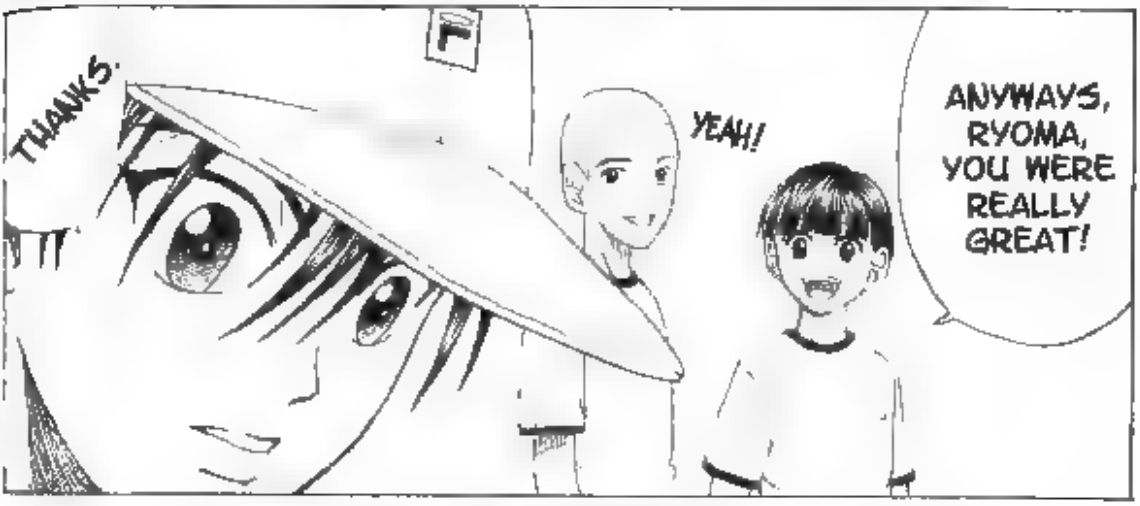
I'M OFF TO SCHOOL!

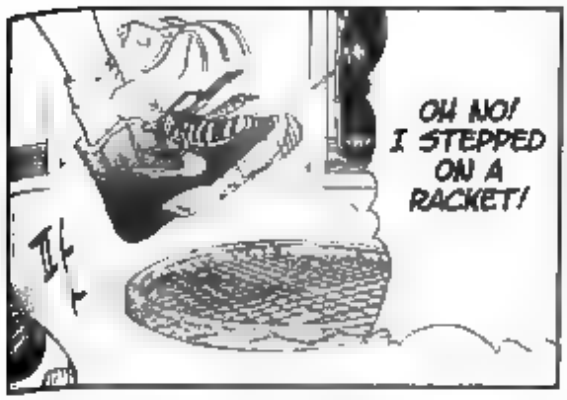

THE CAPTAIN IS REALLY WORTH BEING ADMIRED FOR.
AND WHAT ABOUT THE REGULAR MEMBERS? THEY ARE SO COOL!

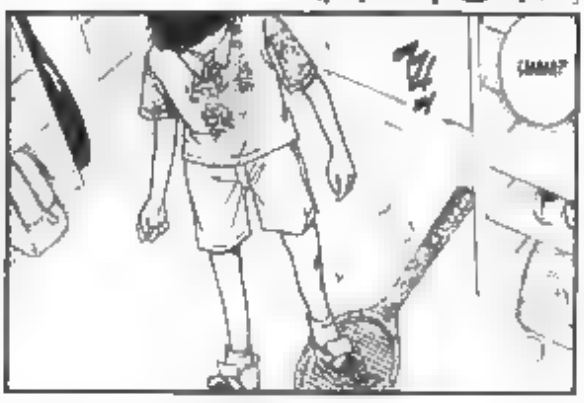
I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE SO PROUD ABOUT THAT
YEAH
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? LAST YEAR'S CAPTAIN, TETSUKA, NEVER LOST BEFORE!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S SO COOL?!


ANYWAYS, RYOMA, YOU WERE REALLY GREAT!
YEAH!
THANKS.

BUT ECHIZEN, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THAT 2ND YEAR IS ONTO YOU. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
THAT ARAI SENPAI SEEMED TO BE DEADLY SERIOUS ABOUT CLASS YEARS.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT?

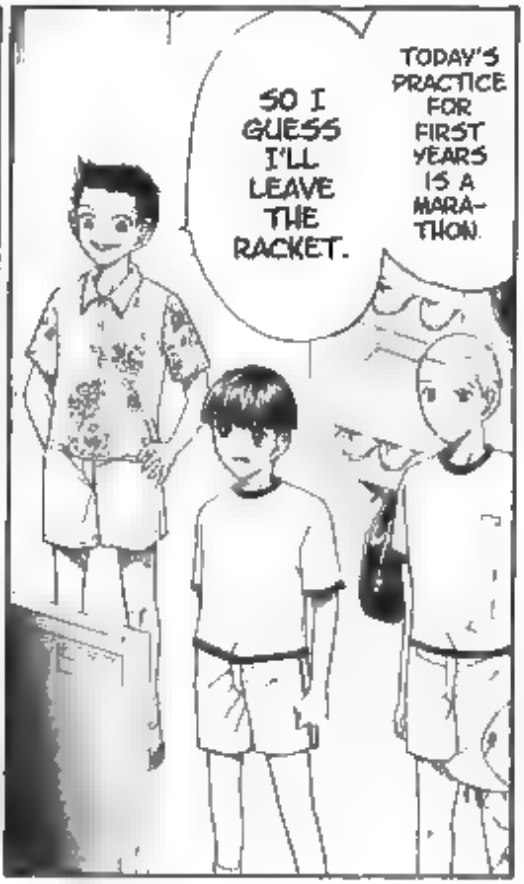
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?! YOU SAT ON ARAI SENPAI'S JACKET!!
AHH, SO WHAT?
ACK!! YOU... YOU..!! THOSE CLOTHES! THOSE CLOTHES!


OH NO! I STEPPED ON A RACKET!


HMM?

EITHER WAY, GOOD THING IT WASN'T ARAI SENPAI'S, OR I'D BE PICKED ON TOO
YEAH, IT'S DUSTY TOO.
THAT'S A REALLY OLD RACKET.

HEHE. I, FOR ONE, AM CONFIDENT ABOUT RUNNING.


TODAY'S PRACTICE FOR FIRST YEARS IS A MARA-THON.
SO I GUESS I'LL LEAVE THE RACKET.

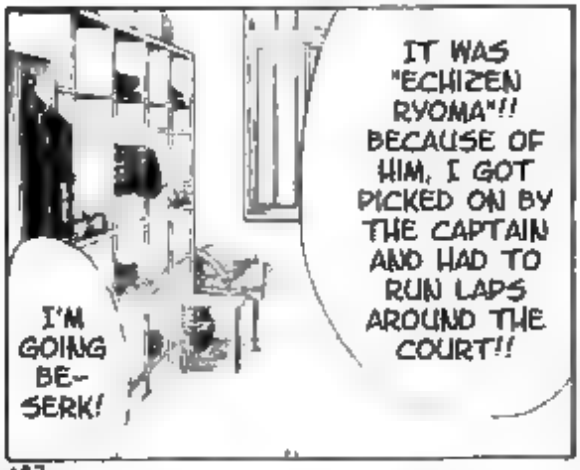
ECK!

WATCH IT, MONKEY!
EK! ARAI SENPAI!
GLARE

HELLO
ARA! IT'S THAT GUY, RIGHT? THAT COCKY 1ST YEAR?
YEAH.
EK!
WHO MESSED UP MY GYM CLOTHES?!
AHH! WHO... WHO..!!

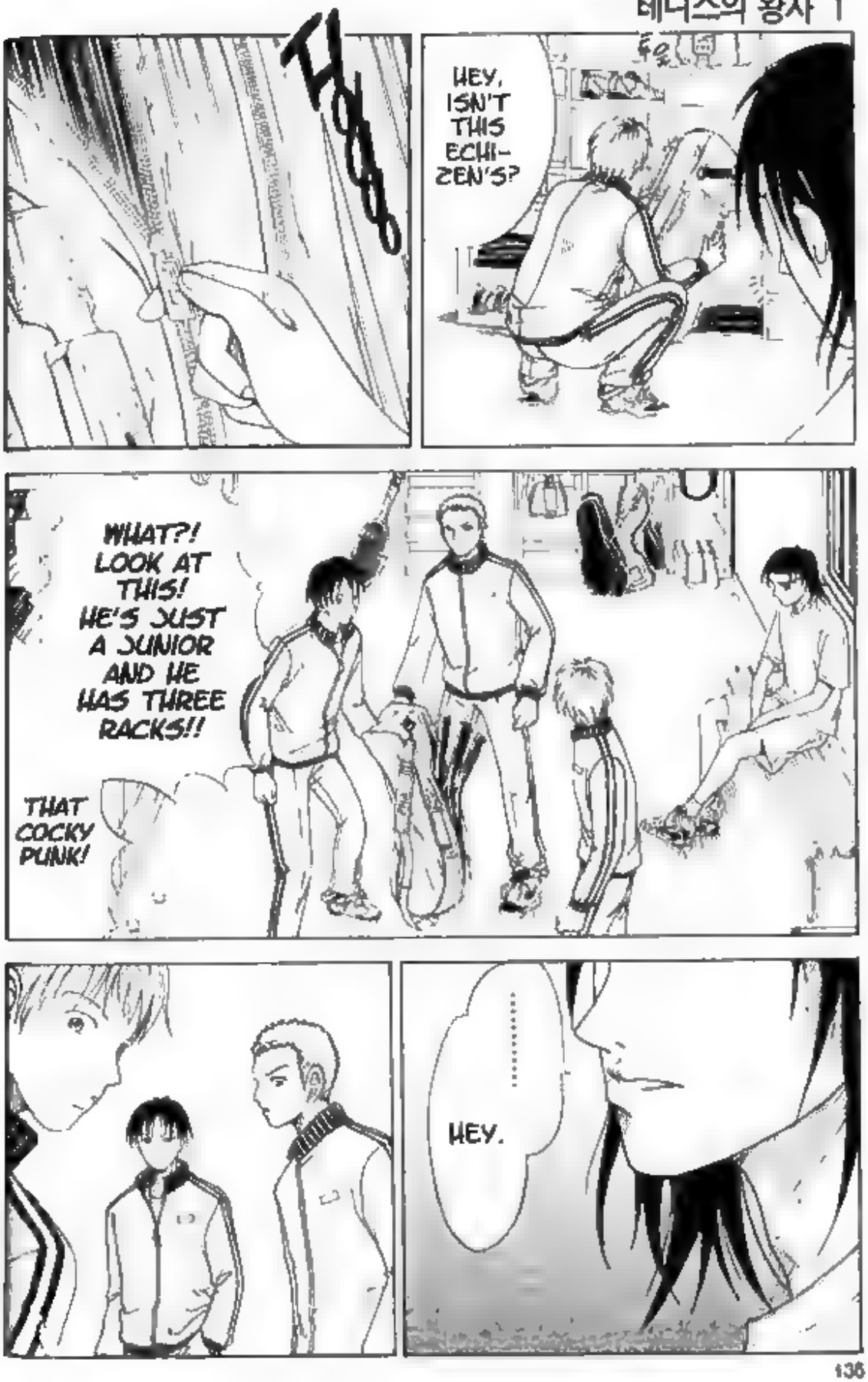
WHAT WAS HIS NAME..
DID YOU SEE HIS ATTITUDE?!

DAMMIT! THERE'S NOTHING THAT GOES WELL AROUND HERE!


IT WAS "ECHIZEN RYOMA"!! BECAUSE OF HIM, I GOT PICKED ON BY THE CAPTAIN AND HAD TO RUN LAPS AROUND THE COURT!!
I'M GOING BE-SERK!

I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO TURN HIM INTO THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE TENNIS CLUB.

BUT I'VE HEARD HE'S REALLY GOOD IN TENNIS IF HE DOES GET IN THE RANKING MATCHES, HE MIGHT GET A SPOT THAT EVEN 2ND YEARS LONG FOR.
HE'S A 1ST YEAR! WHAT KIND OF BULLSHIT IS THAT?!!


HEY, ISN'T THIS ECHI-ZEN'S?
WHAT?! LOOK AT THIS! HE'S JUST A JUNIOR AND HE HAS THREE RACKS!!
THAT COCKY PUNK!
HEY.

GIVE IT HERE.
RYOMA.E
AND SO ..
AH! SORRY.
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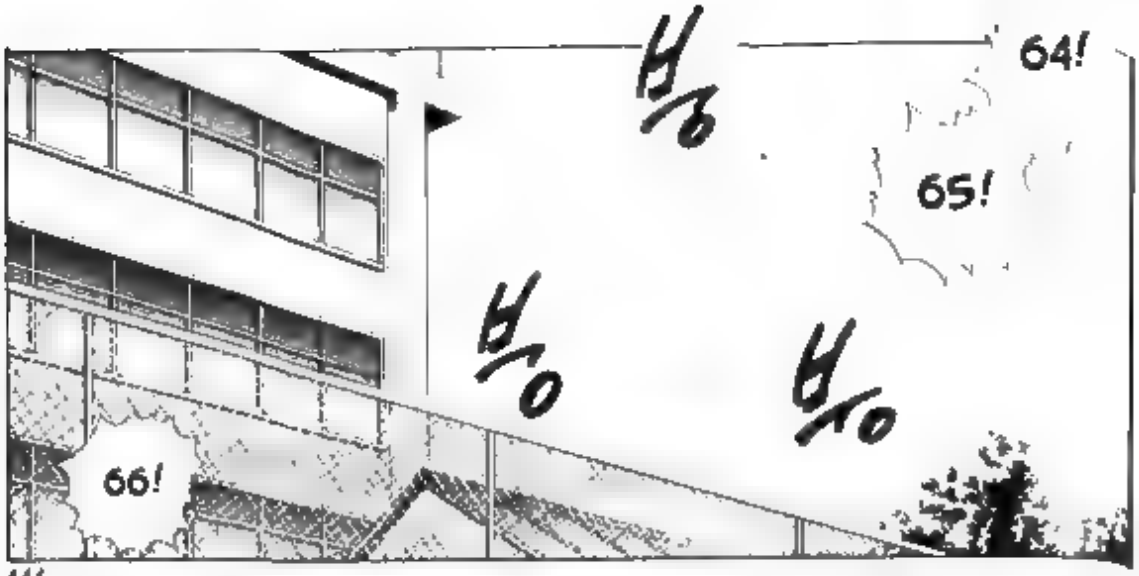
THERE'S STILL MORE.

UWAH!! THERE PRACTICE IS A KILLING MACHING HERE!!

HA HO HO
THIS IS TOO MUCH! WE HAVEN'T EXACTLY MADE THE TEAM YET!

NEXT WAS PRACTICING YOUR SWING MOTION 500 TIMES..?!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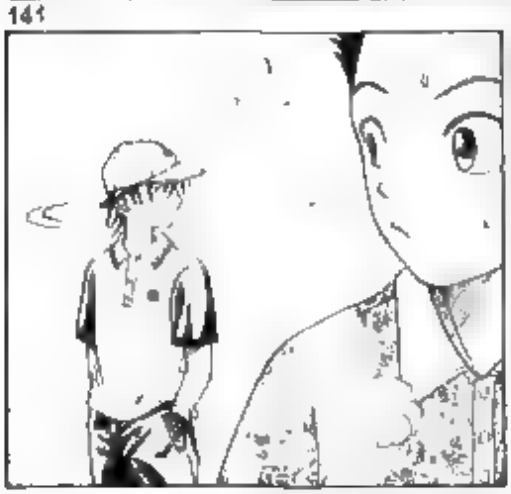

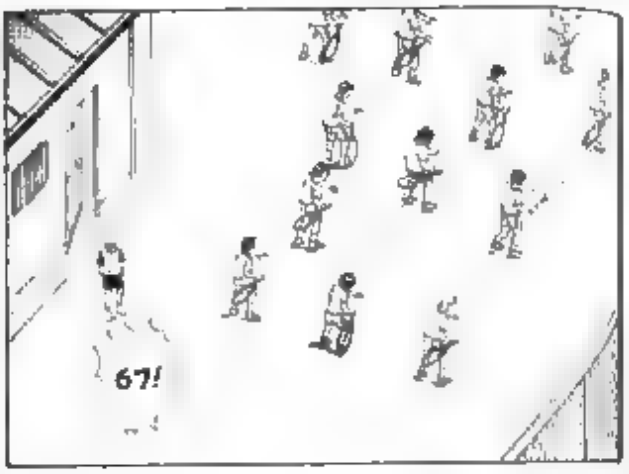
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YOU HAVE GUTS... NOT BRINGING YOUR RACKET FOR PRACTICE!!

ECHIZEN, DID YOU FORGET TO BRING YOUR RACKET?
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NOT REALLY

TRYING TO SKIP PRACTICE JUST BECAUSE CAPTAIN AND THE CO-CAPTAIN AREN'T HERE?
UK! IT'S HIM AGAIN!
ARA!
BUT SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE A RACKET ...
I'D LIKE TO PLAY A MATCH WITH YOU.
IF YOU'RE THAT CONFIDENT AND SINCE WE'RE HAVING PRACTICES AS THOUGH WE'RE PLAYING REAL MATCHES,

OH YEAH!
OH YEAH! THERE WAS ONE LEFT!!
ACK! THE STRINGS ARE REALLY LOOSED, AND ON TOP OF THAT THE FRAME MAKES A CLATTERING SOUND.
THAT'S THE OLD RACKET THAT WAS IN THE LOCKER ROOM!
HOW COULD ANYONE PLAY WITH THAT?
OH!! THAT'S ..

SO, ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY? MR. "OH-I'M-THE-BEST-PLAYER"?
THIS ISN'T FAIR ...
ARAI SENPAI KNOWS THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PLAY WITH SUCH A CRAPPY RACKET!
JUST LOOK AT THE WAY HE TALKS.
HEY, IT SEEMS THAT ARAI IS PICKING ON ECHIZEN AGAIN.

THE CAPTAIN AND THE CO-CAPTAIN WILL COME OUT SOON. THE CAPTAIN'S NOT GOING TO LET THIS GO WHEN HE SEES THIS.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, STOP HIM?
YEAH ...
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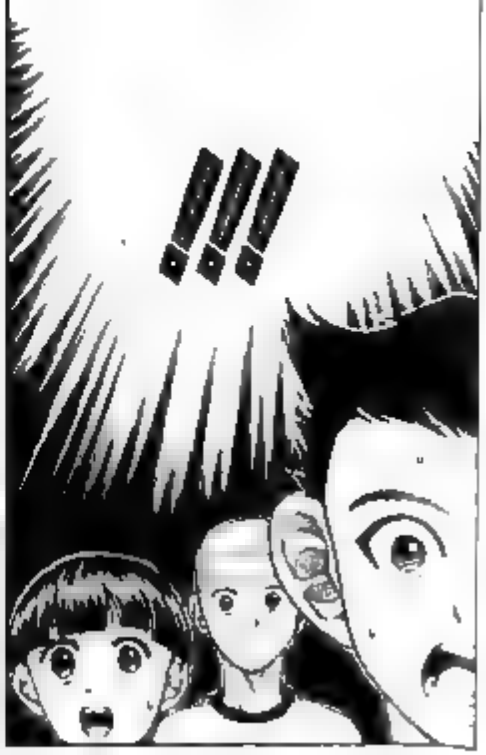
IF YOU GET WHAT I'M SAYING, STOP ACTING SO COCKY!
FOR A 1ST YEAR LIKE YOU, THAT RACKET IS JUST RIGHT FOR YOU.

*SORRY ABOUT THAT, THE IMAGE WAS SCREWED UP TO BEGIN WITH ;;

WHAT ? ARE YOU ACCUSING ME OF HIDING YOUR RACKETS?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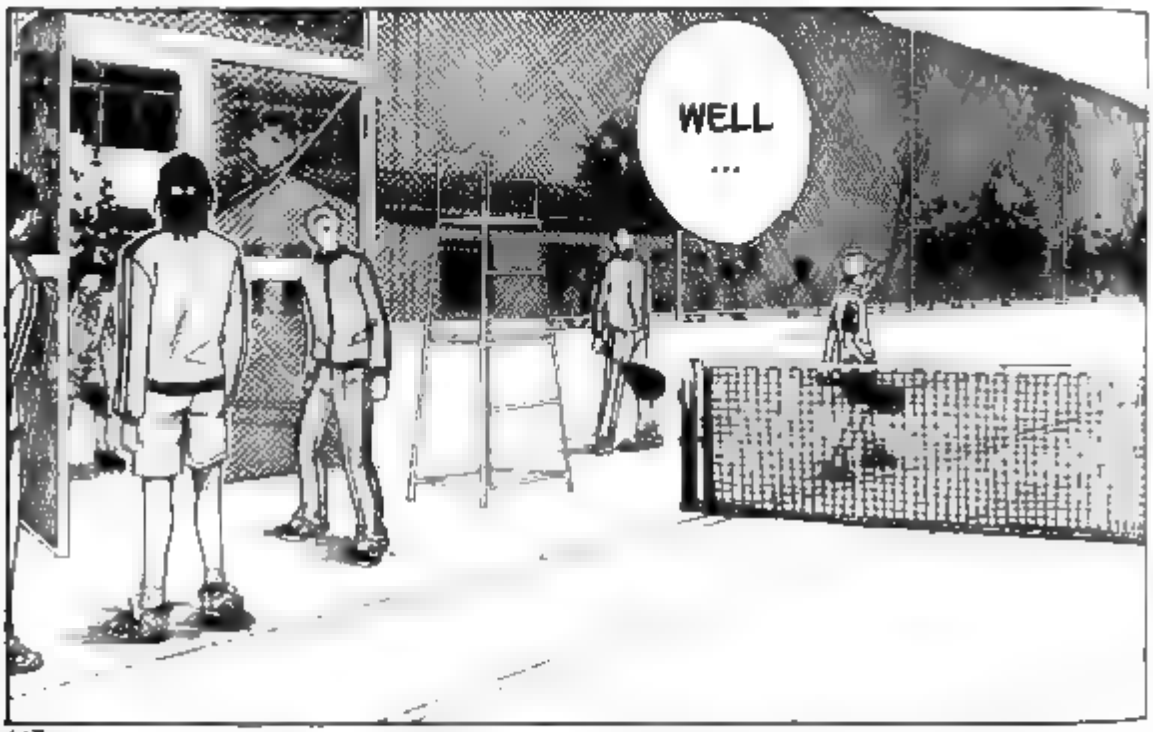
WELL ...

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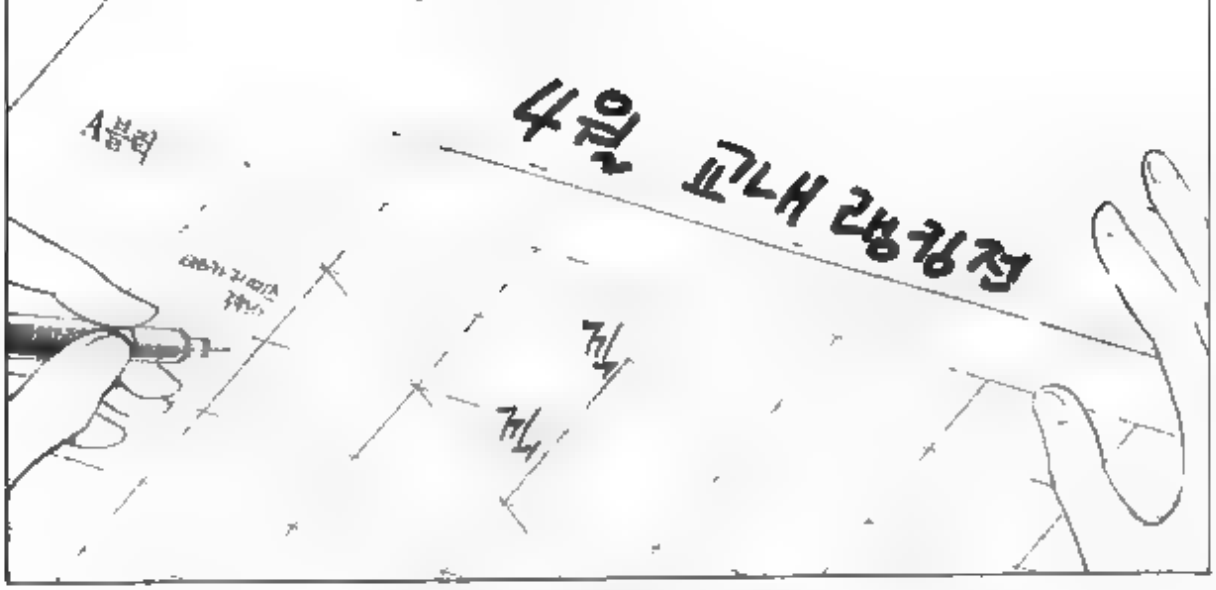
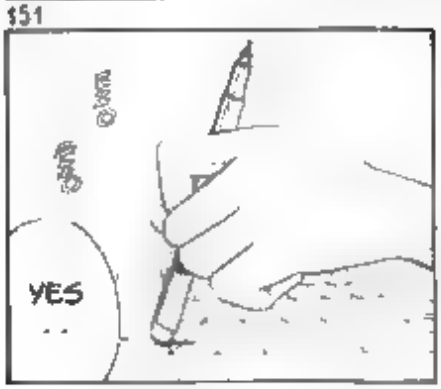
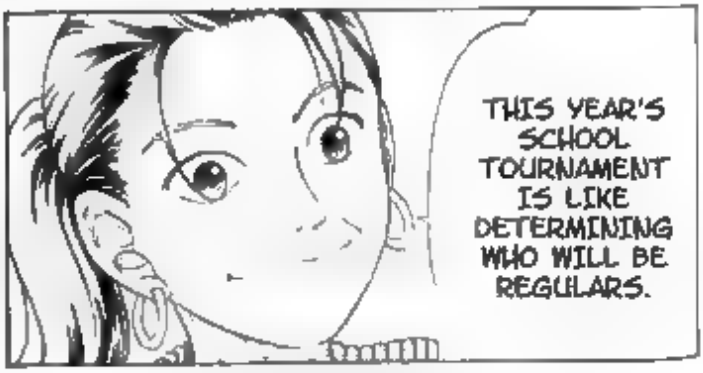
HURRY UP. LET'S DO IT.

LET'S SEE HOW THIS TURNS OUT.
I KNEW HE'D SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THAT IDIOT! THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN PLAY WITH THAT RACKET!
HE'S GOING TO LOSE BIG TIME!
ALRIGHT THEN...
I'LL SHUT THAT BIG MOUTH OF YOURS FOR GOOD.

THE PRINCE OF TENNIS
AHH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT!
HAHAH!
HAPPY-GO-LUCKY!
A GOOD TIME TO COLLECT DATA!







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BY THE WAY, RYUJAKI SENSEI, DIDN'T YOU HAVE A STUDENT IN MIND?
LIKE THAT FIRST YEAR ...
IT'S JUST MY THOUGHT

BUT BY OUR STANDARDS, AREN'T FIRST YEARS NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEAM UNTIL SUMMER?
SEIGAKU

WELL, THAT'S ALSO FOR THE CAPTAIN TO DECIDE.

GENIUS 6

IRONY

DUMLO
POP
AHHHH-!!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH THAT RACKET.
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?
WHERE ARE THOSE BIG WORDS YOU USED A WHILE AGO?
LET'S FINISH THIS TO THE END!
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PROBABLY.
EVEN IF HE WANTS TO RETURN IT, IT WON'T WORK THAT WELL.

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HE CAN'T CONTROL THE BALL!
WHAT'S WITH THAT WEIRD IMPACT SOUND!
EVEN IF HE WANTS TO RETURN IT, IT WON'T WORK THAT WELL.

RIGHT WITH THOSE KINDS OF STRINGS, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO ADD A TOP SPIN TO THE BALL.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BRAG IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE
HAHA, THIS IS COMING ALONG WELL GREAT! KEEP TRYING TO HIT THAT BALL! EMBARRASS YOURSELF!

HMM... NOW I GET IT.

THINK YOU CAN WIN LIKE THAT?!
THAT KID IS STILL BLUFF-ING!

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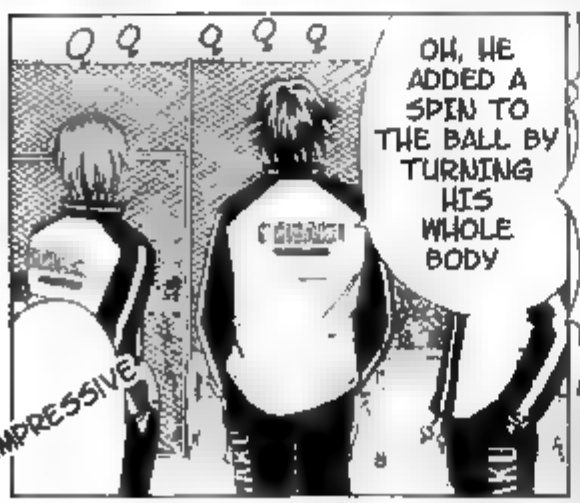
OH, HE ADDED A SPIN TO THE BALL BY TURNING HIS WHOLE BODY
IMPRESSIVE!

HE HIT IT?!

QQQ
WAS REALLY FAST!!
DAMN. IT'S REALLY SLOW.
DID YOU SEE THAT!? HE WAS ABLE TO HIT IT BACK WITH THAT CRAPPY RACKET
I GUESS IT ISN'T THAT OLD.
CAN'T BE! ITS STILL MAKING THAT WEIRD IMPACT SOUND
BUT THAT RETURN ...
DON'T GET SO COCKY JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT ONCE..!!
HMPH ...
Echo

EUK!
OH
OH
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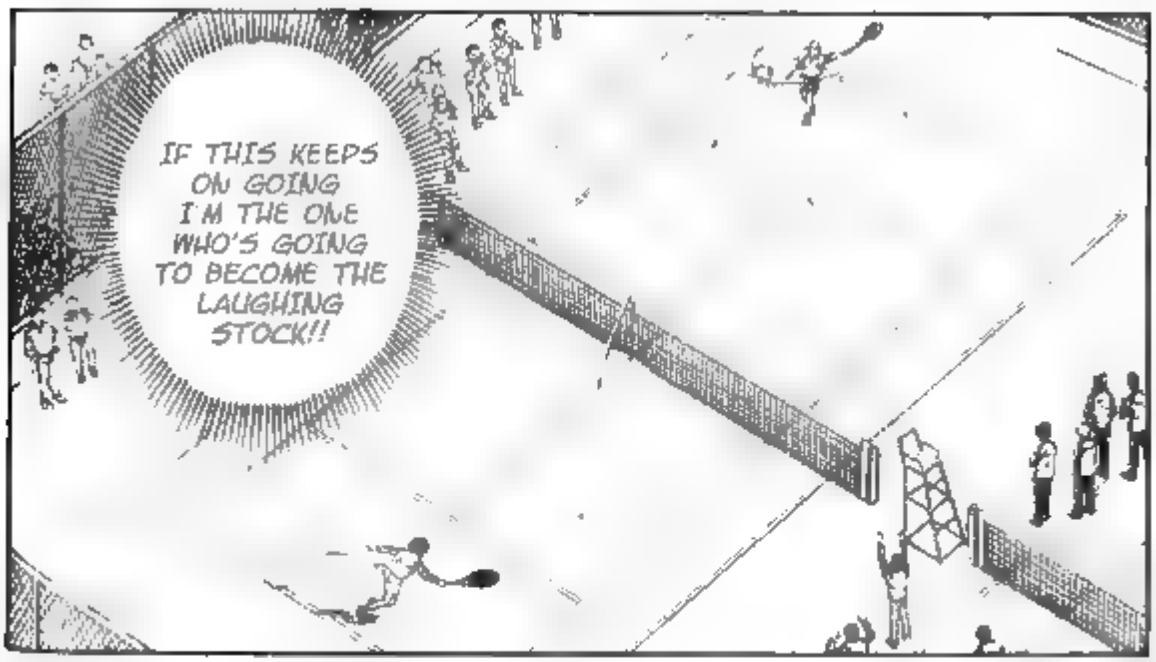
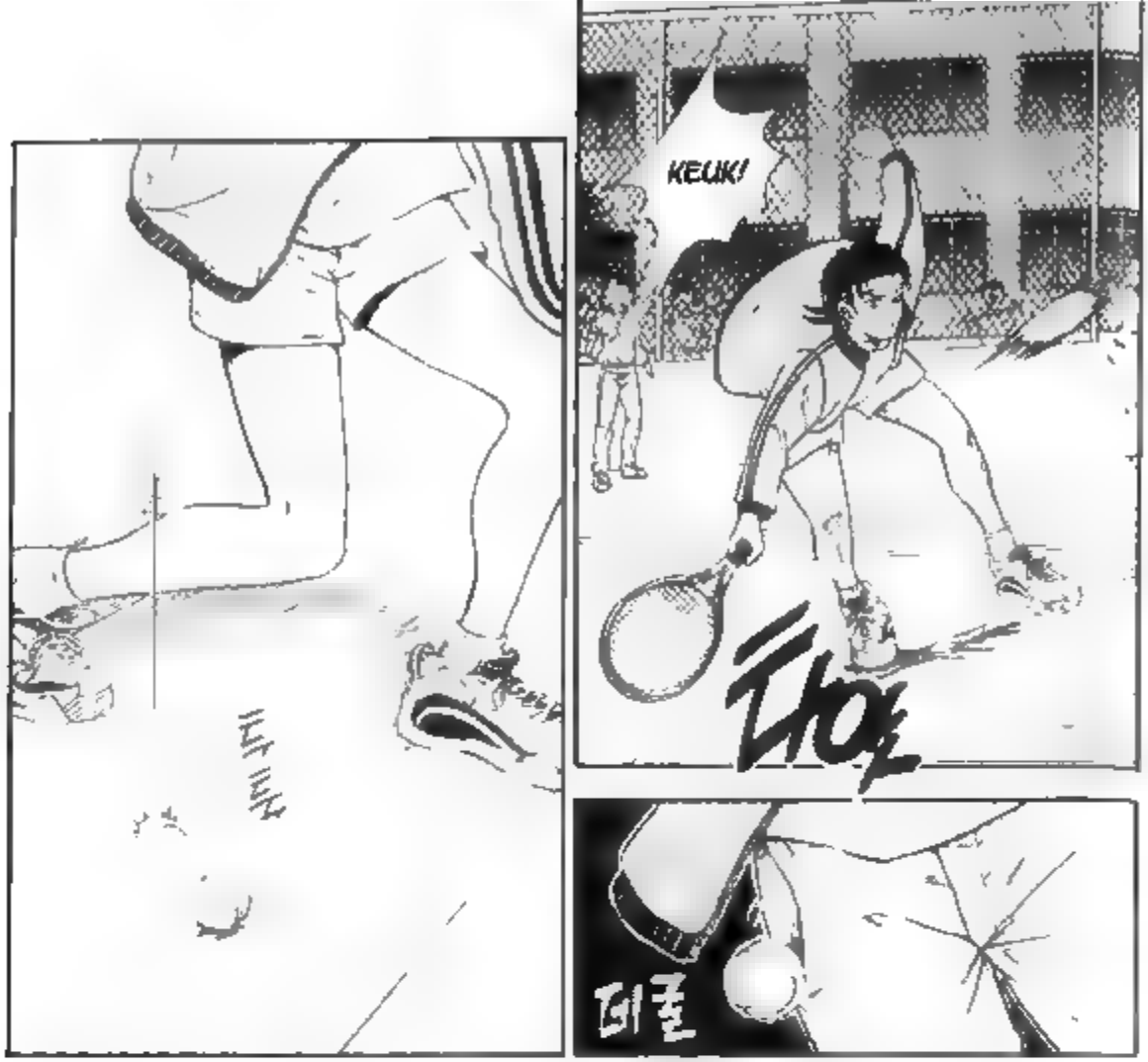
HOW CAN HE RETURN WITH THAT CRAPPY RACKET?!
NO WAY!!
HE TOLD HIMSELF
"A GREAT PAINTER WOULD NEVER USE HIS PAINTBRUSH DAINTILY."

YEAH ...
THAT GUY'S ON FIRE...


IF THIS KEEPS ON GOING I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK!!


KEUK!
THOK
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I THINK THAT BALL'S IN THE WAY.

ECHIZEN HAS FULL CONTROL OF THAT RACKET ...!!
JUST LIKE THAT TIME HE MADE A SMASH TO THE BASKET!!
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THAT FIRST YEAR'S AMAZING!
HE'S NOT YOUR AVERAGE PLAYER!
HE'S DISGRACING US 2ND YEARS.
I CAN'T BEAR THIS ANY-MORE.
I'M GOING TO THE REST-ROOM.
HEY, KAIDOH ...

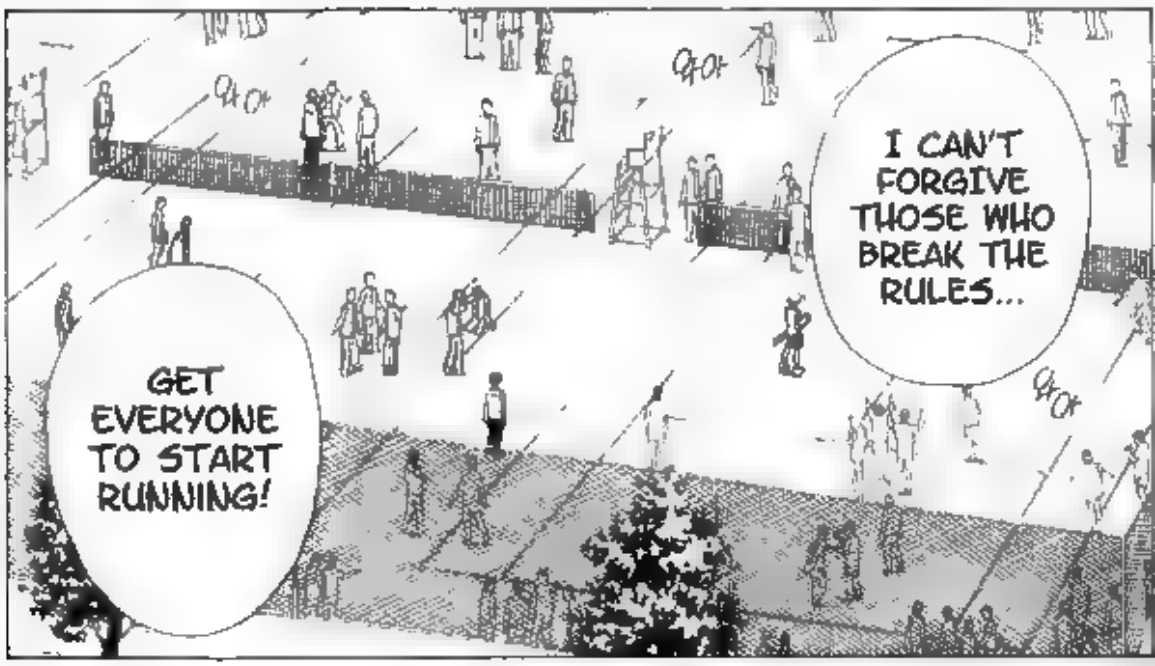
!?
OKAY THEN, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I STOP WARMING-UP.
WHAT!?
DOESN'T MATTER.
AH, THE STRINGS ARE CUT LOOSE!!

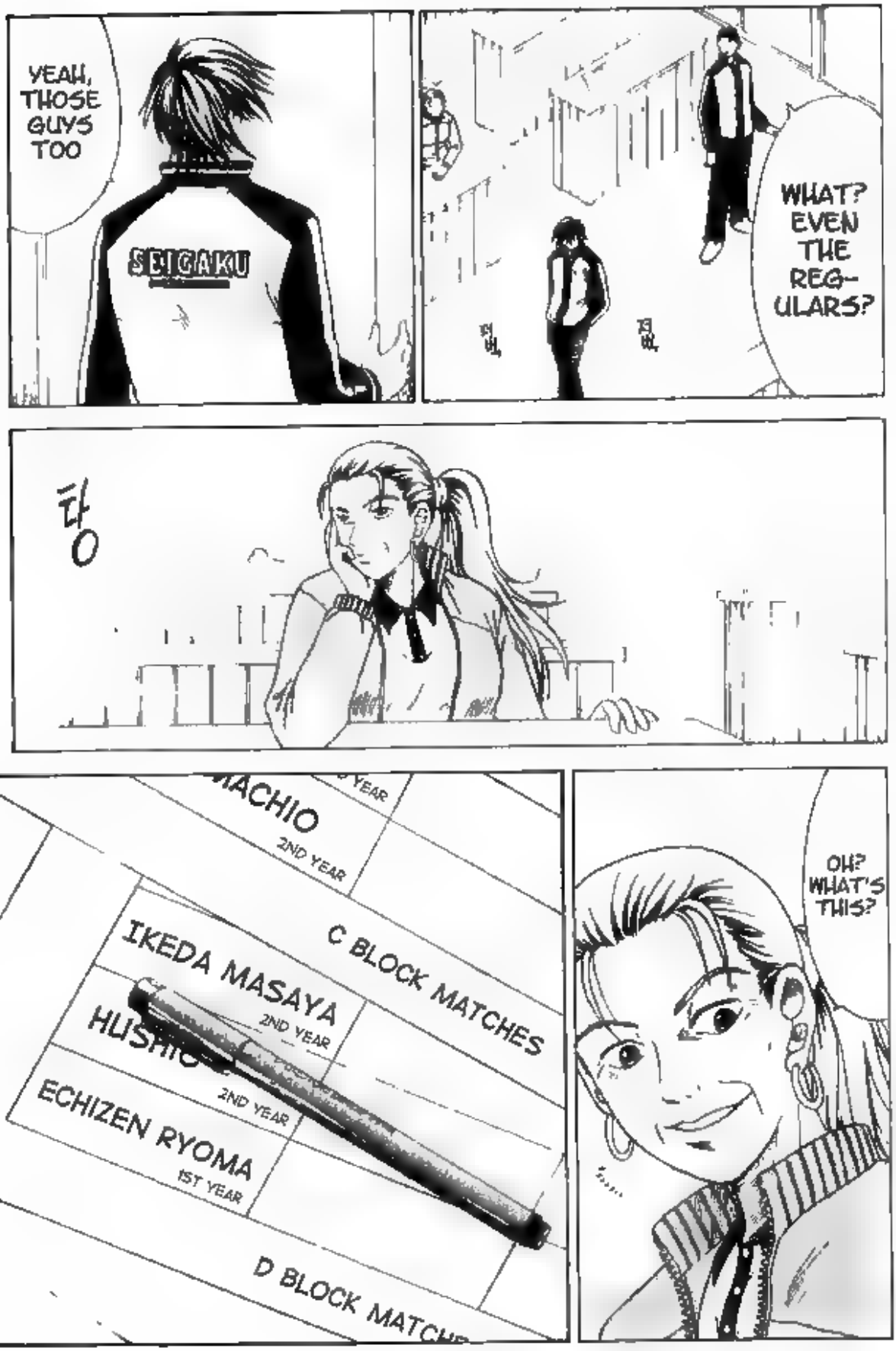
SO, LET'S FINISH THIS TO THE END,
SENPAI!!

HEY! LET'S JUST CALL IT A BREAK!
NO

HA HA HA...

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK, TEZUKA?


I CAN'T FORGIVE THOSE WHO BREAK THE RULES...
GET EVERYONE TO START RUNNING!


YEAH, THOSE GUYS TOO
SEIGAKU
WHAT? EVEN THE REG-ULARS?
C BLOCK MATCHES
IKEDA MASAYA
2ND YEAR
ECHIZEN RYOMA
1ST YEAR
D BLOCK MATCH
OH? WHAT'S THIS?

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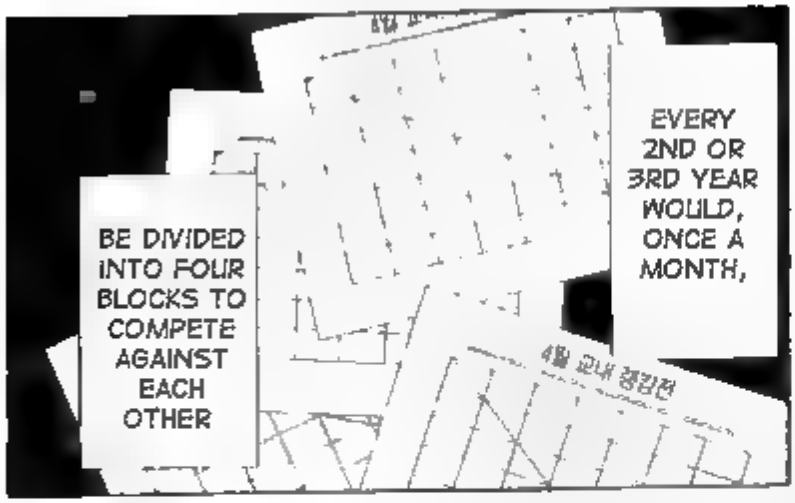
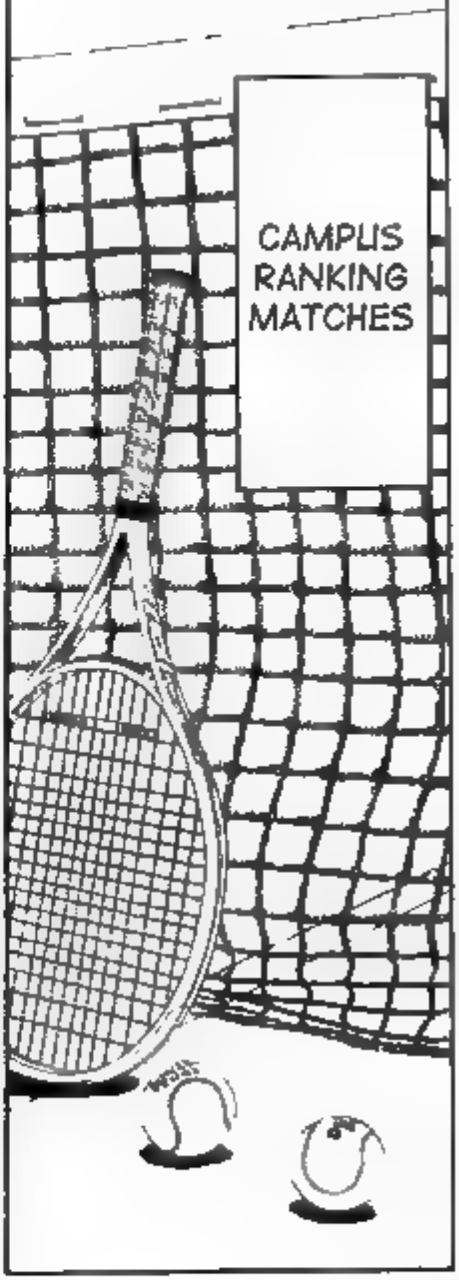
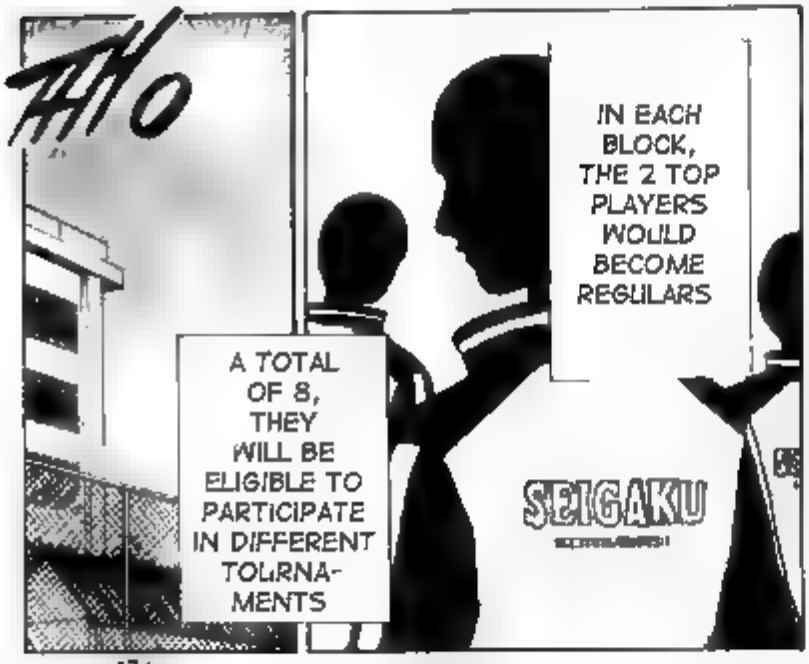
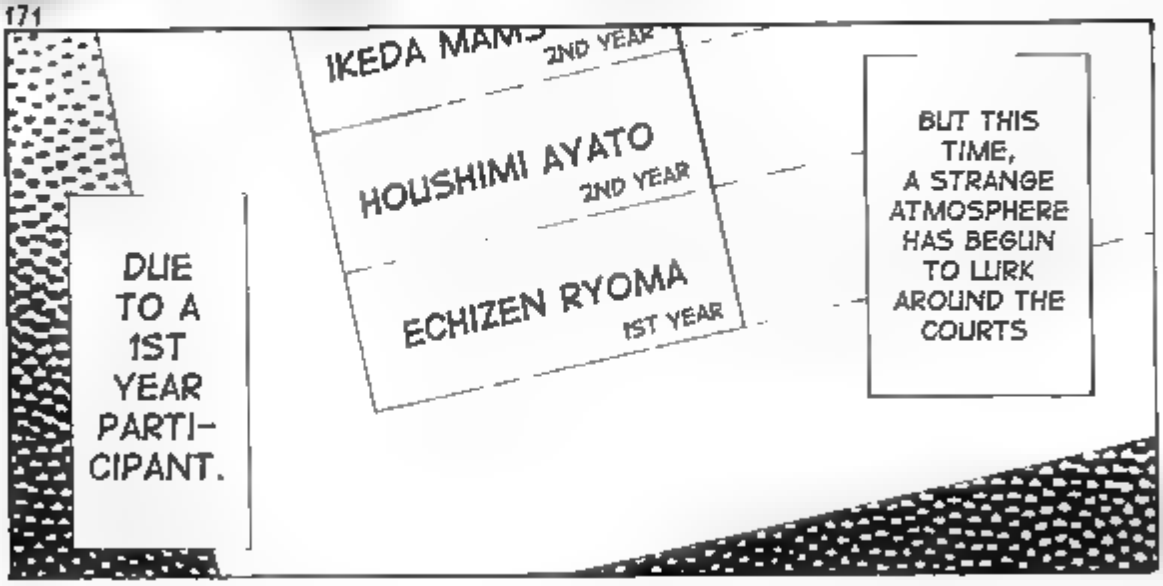





IN EACH BLOCK, THE 2 TOP PLAYERS WOULD BECOME REGULARS
A TOTAL OF 8, THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DIFFERENT TOURNA-MENTS
SEIGAKU


IKEDA MAM 2ND YEAR
HOUSHIMI AYATO 2ND YEAR
ECHIZEN RYOMA 1ST YEAR
DUE TO A 1ST YEAR PARTI-CIPANT.
BUT THIS TIME, A STRANGE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEGUN TO LURK AROUND THE COURTS

GENIUS 7

THE START OF THE RANKING TOURNAMENT

THE DAY OF THE DECISIVE BATTLE IS HERE!!

GENIUS 7
THE START OF THE RANKING TOURNAMENT

NEAR THE WOMEN'S TENNIS COURTS
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
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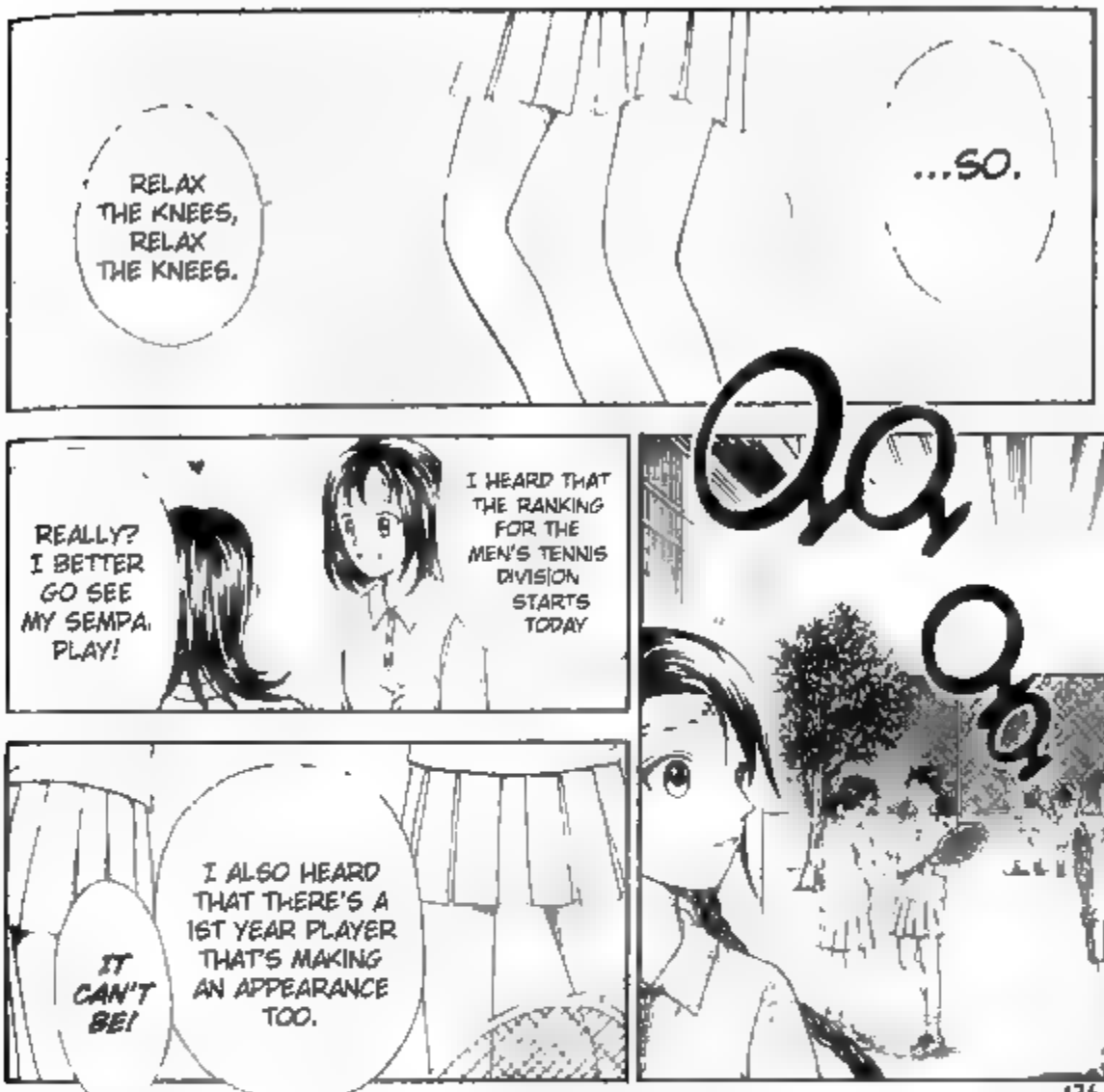
...RYOMA'S FORM WAS VERY CLEAN.
AH!
THE SEMPAI SHOWED ME A FEW TIMES, BUT...

YOUR KNEES ARE TOO RELAXED.
ADVICE?
AH.
HE MUST'VE SEEN ME HOW EMBA-RASS-NG!
IT'S RYOMA?!
YOUR HAIR IS TOO LONG...
AND YOUR POSTURE IS INDECISIVE.
YOUR ELBOWS ARE TOO BENT
YOUR SHOULDERS ARE TOO RELAXED...
SHOOT.


RELAX THE KNEES, RELAX THE KNEES.
...SO.
REALLY? I BETTER GO SEE MY SEMPAI PLAY!
I HEARD THAT THE RANKING FOR THE MEN'S TENNIS DIVISION STARTS TODAY
IT CAN'T BE!
I ALSO HEARD THAT THERE'S A 1ST YEAR PLAYER THAT'S MAKING AN APPEARANCE TOO.
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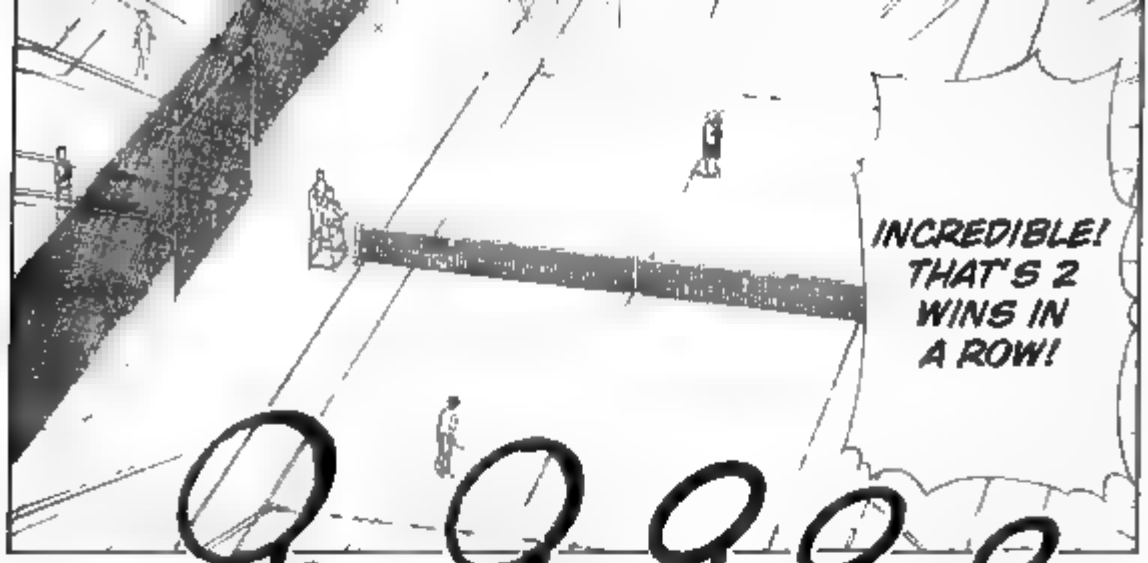
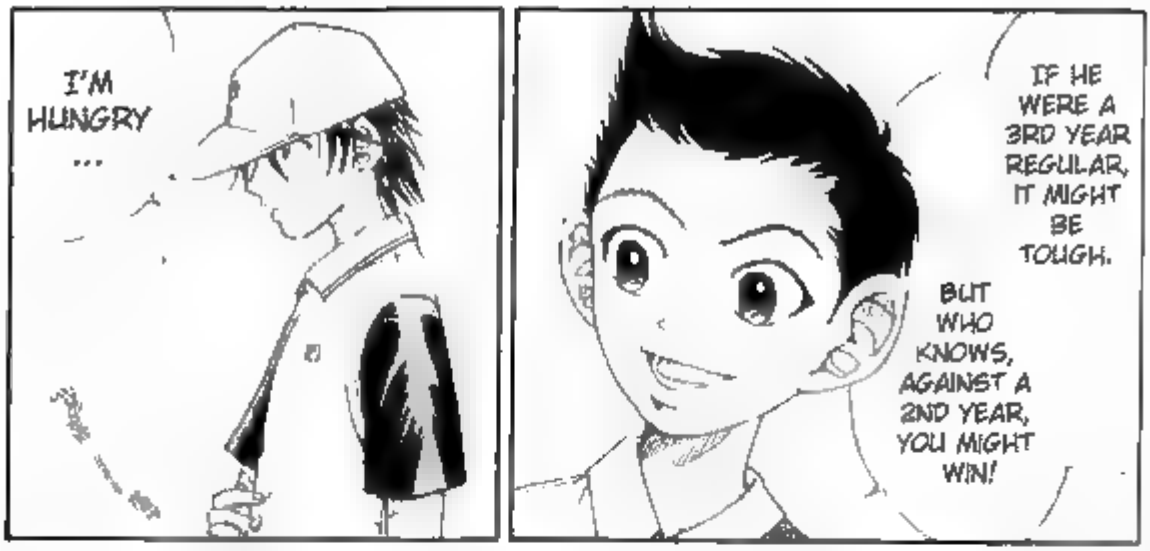
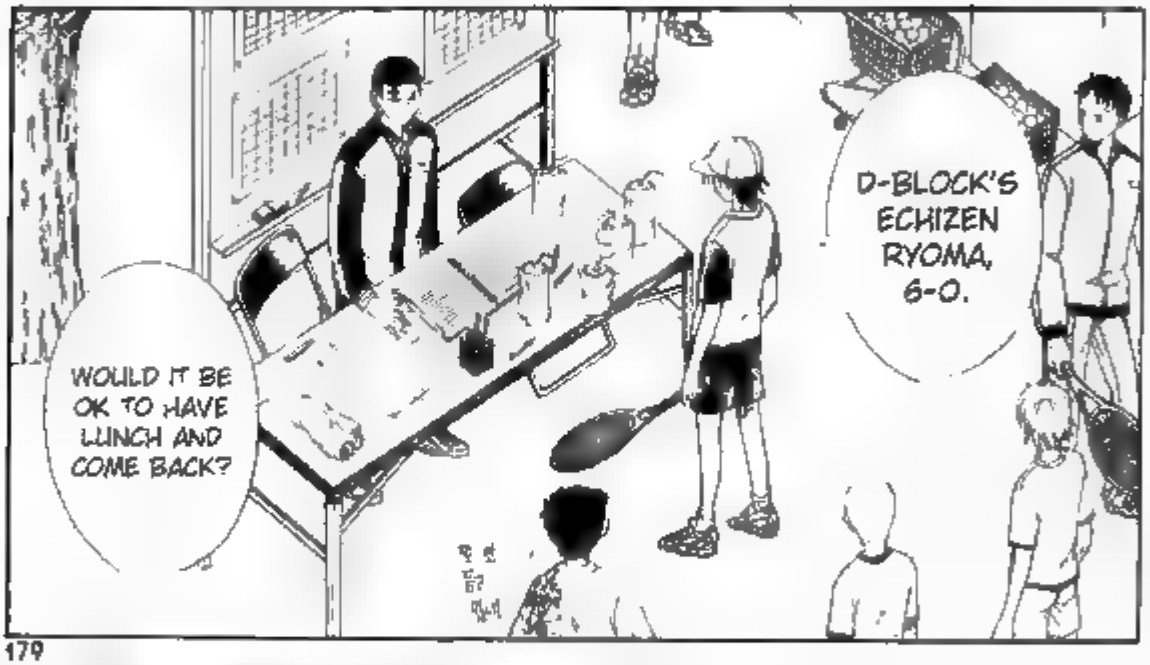
WOW! IT WENT IN!!
GAME SET. ECHIZEN WINS 6-0.

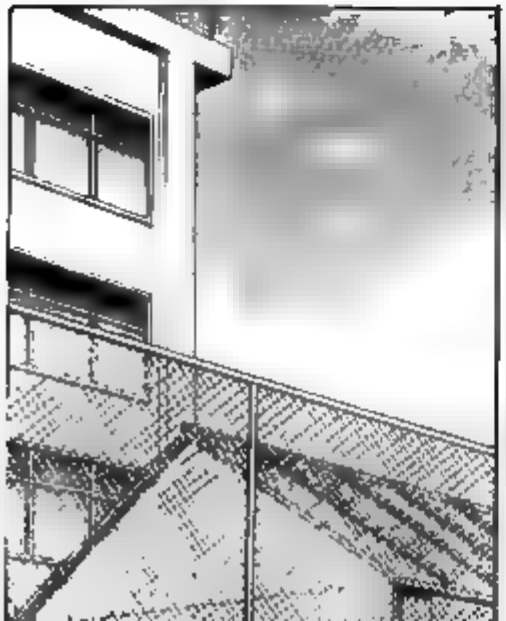

INCREDIBLE! THAT'S 2 WINS IN A ROW!

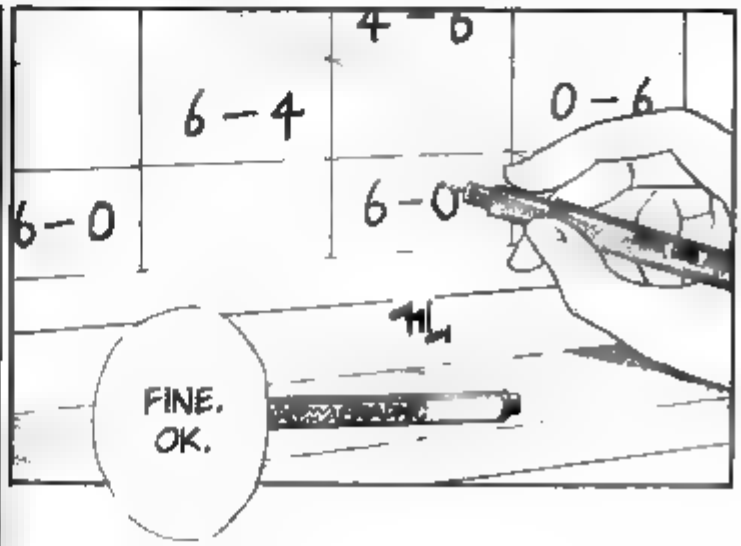
THAT BASTARD WON WITHOUT SHEDDING A SINGLE DROP OF SWEAT.
I KNOW ...
THAT SUCKS ...

GOOD JOB, ECHIZEN!
AFTER LUNCH, YOUR REMAINING MATCH IS WITH THE REGULAR MEMBER, KAIDO-SEMPAI.


I'M HUNGRY ...
IF HE WERE A 3RD YEAR REGULAR, IT MIGHT BE TOUGH.
BUT WHO KNOWS, AGAINST A 2ND YEAR, YOU MIGHT WIN!


WOULD IT BE OK TO HAVE LUNCH AND COME BACK?
D-BLOCK'S ECHIZEN RYOMA, 6-0.

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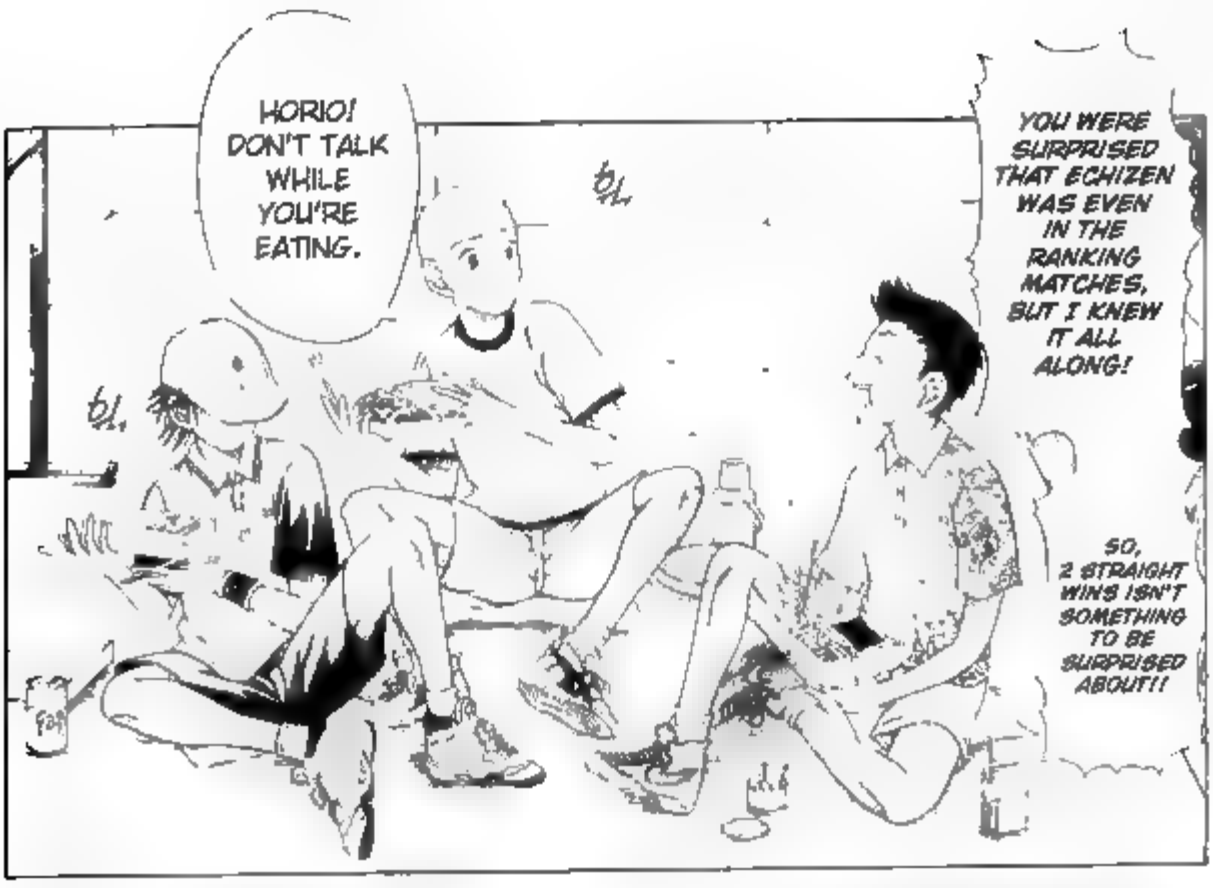
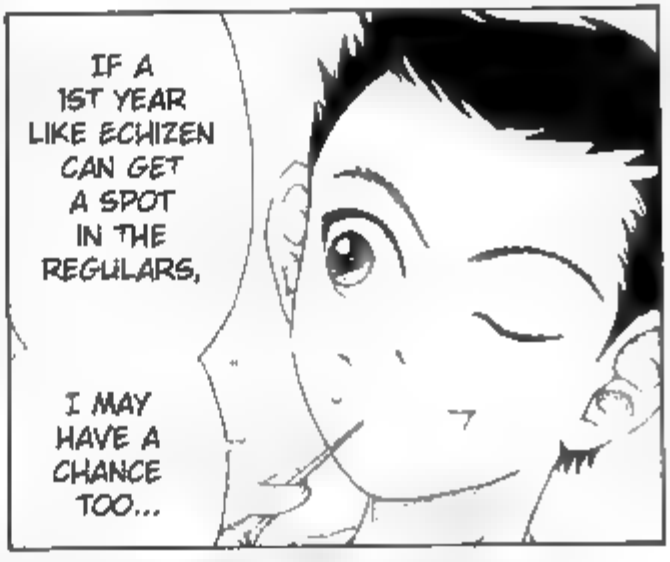
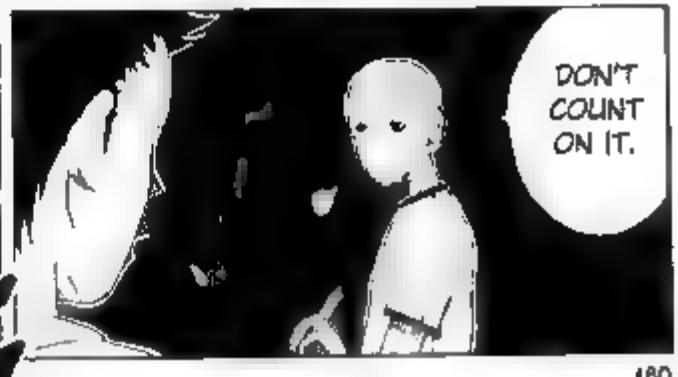

HORIO! DON'T TALK WHILE YOU'RE EATING.
YOU WERE SURPRISED THAT ECHIZEN WAS EVEN IN THE RANKING MATCHES, BUT I KNEW IT ALL ALONG!
SO, 2 STRAIGHT WINS ISN'T SOMETHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT!!

IS RYOMA HERE?!


IF A 1ST YEAR LIKE ECHIZEN CAN GET A SPOT IN THE REGULARS,
I MAY HAVE A CHANCE TOO...


DON'T COUNT ON IT.

Oh, It

KACHIRO, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR EYE?!
I WAS SO ABSORBED WITH THE GAME THAT THE BALL
WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT!
I GOT A PICTURE OF RYOMA'S NEXT OPPONENT ...
OF KAIDO-SEMPAI IN ACTION.
THAT'S GREAT!
I WAS WATCHING ECHIZEN'S MATCHES SO I COULDN'T SEE HIM!!

WHAT!? I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR RYOMA SAY SOMETHING WEAK LIKE THAT...
RIGHT, HE'S STRONG. I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO WIN.
ANYWAYS, TAKE A LOOK! IT'S OVER-WHELMING!
WHO SAID I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE PROS?!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I TOOK THESE SHOTS FOR RYOMA TOO...
HUH? DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?

ANYWAYS, LET'S WATCH IT FOR OURSELVES THEN.
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT.
I'M GONNA USE THE REST-ROOM.
SO HOW ARE THEY? THE RESULTS OF THE MATCHES ...
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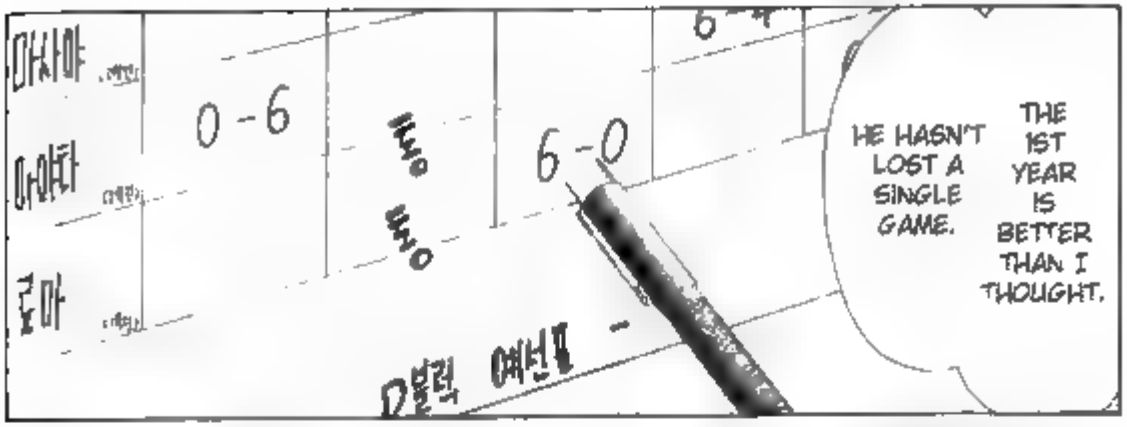
HMMM... IT'S GOING JUST AS I THOUGHT.
INUI.
IT'S MY SHIFT NOW, SO GO HAVE LUNCH.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THE 1ST YEAR IS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT.
HE HASN'T LOST A SINGLE GAME.

HEY, PLEASE, DON'T LOOK THROUGH THOSE NOTES.

HE'S IN D-BLOCK WITH YOU.
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM.

HE HE
BEFORE ME...

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE 2ND YEAR.
HE'S GOT ANOTHER OPPONENT TO WORRY ABOUT.

SEMPAI... ARE YOU TRYING TO GET UNDER MY SKIN?
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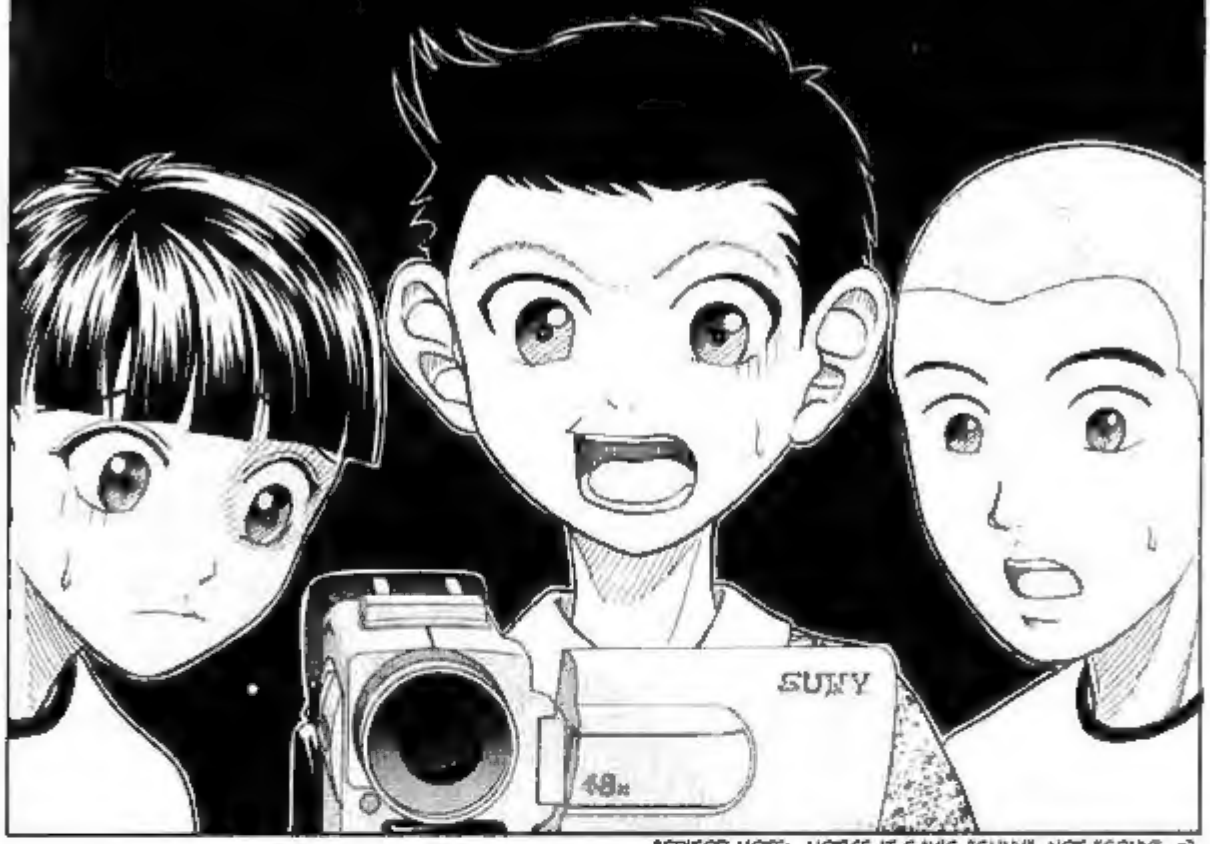
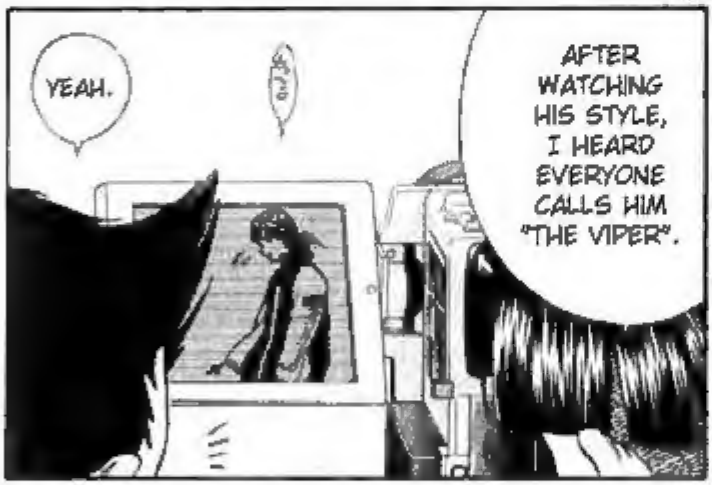
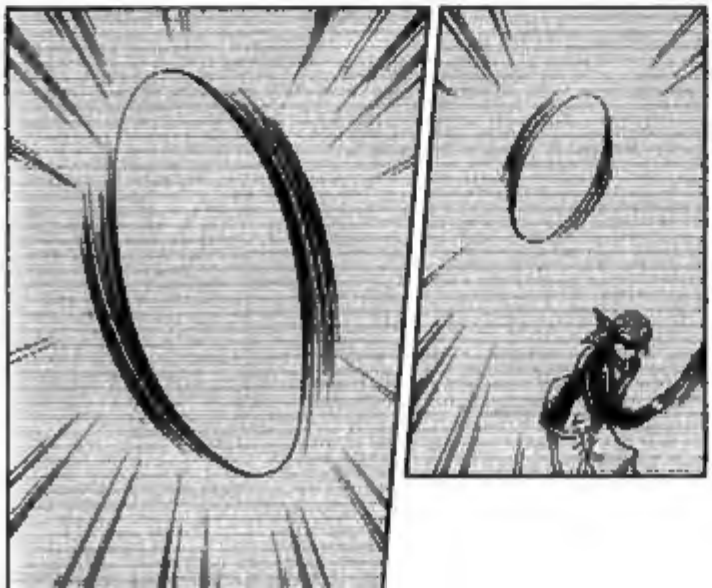


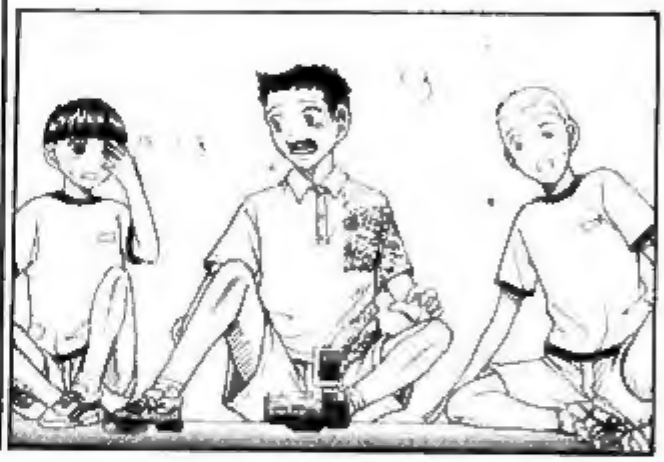
*EDITOR NOTE: NOTICE IT SAY'S "SUNY", NOT "SONY". =)





ECHIZEN DOESNT STAND A CHANCE ...
REALLY, THINKING A 1ST YEAR COULD BE A REGULAR MAY HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH...

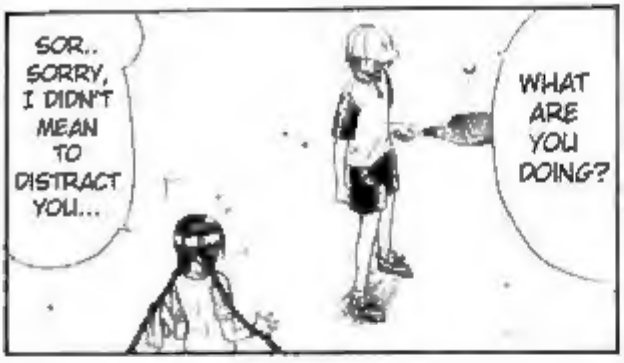
AHHHH!!
KLANG!



BUT I BELIEVE IN ECHIZEN.
WHAT?! EVEN AFTER SEEING THAT?!

PER-HAPS ...

BUT THINK ABOUT IT. ECHIZEN'S NOT JUST A REGULAR FIRST YEAR!
IF IT'S ECHIZEN ...
PHEW.
HUH? WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
IT'S RYOMA.



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